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LAKESHORE SCHOOLS

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Teagan Northup, 7, gives therapy dog Rudy a kiss Thursday morning during a visit to Pam McLean's second-grade classroom at Lakeshore's Hollywood Elementary School. The therapy dog came to the school last fall with owner Paula Hazzard-Reed, a counselor at the school.

Everybody loves Rudy

Therapy dog rules the school at Hollywood Elementary

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

Paula Hazzard-Reed, right, a guidance counselor at Hollywood Elementary School, joins Rudy during a visit to Pam McLean's second-grade class.

STEVENSVILLE — At their January meeting, Lakeshore school board trustees watched a video of kindergarten students from Hollywood Elementary School saying what their favorite part of school was.

Lunch and recess were popular answers.

But near the top was "Rudy," a certified therapy dog that has become a regular at the school since her owner, Paula Hazzard-Reed, started working there as a guidance counselor last fall.

"They love Rudy," Principal Natalie Macerata said. "When you think about the things that are memorable and impacted your education ... you think about, 'Wow, we had a dog at school.' Clearly, it's left a mark on them."

The students' love for the 12-year-old golden retriever/German shepherd mix was apparent as she walked down the hallway Thursday. Every student she encountered smiled and greeted Rudy, with most of them also giving her a pet and one, a hug.

Hazzard-Reed said what makes a therapy dog different from a service dog is that people are encouraged to pet Rudy, whereas service dogs are focused on one person.

Rudy's vest includes a staff badge and a patch asking people to pet her.

Even though Macerata said she was very excited about having a therapy dog in the building, they needed to make sure the school's families were on board.

At the beginning of the school year, the school sent fliers about Rudy to all of the families, asking if anyone had a problem with a dog being at the school.

"We didn't hear a word from anybody," Hazzard-Reed said.

She said Rudy helps teach children how to have empathy for another living being.

"They know that when Rudy's in the room, I leave the door open," she said. "They're like, 'Why, let's close it so she can't leave.'"

But she said she tells them that the door needs to be left open so if Rudy is feeling anxious, she knows she can go for a walk to get away, which leads to a discussion about how the students can help Rudy feel more comfortable.

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Berrien to consider gun resolution

Supporters want county to be a Second Amendment 'sanctuary'

By JOHN MATUSZAK
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The Berrien County Board of Commissioners is expected to consider a resolution designating the county as a Second Amendment "sanctuary" for gun owners when it meets Feb. 6.

The Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

The resolution, presented to Berrien commissioners earlier this month as part of a statewide movement, seeks to affirm the right to possess firearms "unconnected with service in a militia, and to use that firearm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home."

Jason Grimm, of Sodus Township, told commissioners that the Second Amendment protects all other rights.

"'The pen is mightier than the sword' is the old saying," Grimm said. "That works well until somebody takes your pen and you don't have a sword to get it back."

Jim Walker, of Baroda, who presented the initial resolution Jan. 16 as part of the Michigan for 2A Sanctuary Counties group, said that the effort was prompted by efforts in the Michigan Legislature and elsewhere to restrict gun ownership. He said the resolution being considered by several Michigan counties is intended to preempt the confiscation of legally possessed firearms.

Grimm, who said he has been a gun safety instructor since 2003, maintains that any laws that infringe on his right

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VAN BUREN COUNTY

County hires road commission director

Dan Bishop was village manager for Lawton

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

LAWRENCE — It appears the Village of Lawton's loss will be Van Buren County Road Commission's gain.

The commission announced Friday it has hired Dan Bishop as its new managing director.

BISHOP

Bishop, who lives in Almena Township near Paw Paw, sat through his final village council meeting as village manager a week ago, where members told him he would be missed.

On the village's Facebook site, the board posted, "During his two-and-a-half years at Lawton he has helped initiate and implement a wide variety of projects for our community. The village council appreciates his dedication, his positive attitude, and his willingness to work with all of us to help move our community forward. ...

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Free water taxi to be available during Senior PGA

By HP STAFF

BENTON HARBOR — Cornerstone Alliance is partnering with SWMI Cycle Boat and the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship to provide a free water taxi service during the week of this year's KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.

The water taxi will provide transportation throughout the harbor for locals and tourists alike. Stops will include the Arboretum, The Inn at Harbor Shores and Tavern on the River.

"We are excited to be a part of this unique opportunity to further highlight our host communities," Championship Director Ryan Ogle said in a news release. "The water taxi will allow locals and visitors to use the free service which provides transportation to the multiple locations throughout the harbor and access to the championship via a special shuttle at The Inn at Harbor Shores."

In addition to the water taxi service, Holt Bosse is assisting Cornerstone Alliance in producing a way-finding application that users can download to mobile devices.

The app will suggest and provide navigation to restaurants to try and sights to see. It will include the cycle boat schedule and countdown timer to help plan daily activities throughout the week for the Senior PGA Championship.

"The harbor is one of the greatest assets in this community," said Christina Frank, vice president of external affairs at Cornerstone Alliance. "A water taxi service during the week that is seen as the official kick-off to summer will provide our local residents with

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Trump touts logo for new Space Force, with nod to Star Trek

By ROBERT BURNS
AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon's new U.S. Space Force is not Star Trek's Starfleet Command, but their logos bear a striking similarity.

President Donald Trump unveiled the Space Force logo Friday, writing on Twitter that he had consulted with military leaders and designers before presenting the blue-and-white symbol, which features an arrowhead shape centered on a planetary background and encircled by the words, "United States Space Force" and "Department of the Air Force."

The logo, which bears the date 2019 in Roman numerals, also is similar in design to that of Air Force Space Command, from which Space Force was created by legislation that Trump signed in last month.

Space Force is the first new military service since the Air Force was created in 1947. It is meant mainly to improve protection of U.S. satellites and other space assets, rather than to put warriors in orbit to conduct combat in outer space. The idea became a regular applause line for Trump at his political rallies. He originally wanted a Space Force that was "separate but equal" to the Army, Navy and Air Force, but instead Congress made it part of the Department of the Air Force.

"After consultation with our Great Military Leaders, designers, and others, I am pleased to present the new logo for the United States Space Force, the Sixth Branch of our Magnificent Military!" Trump wrote.

George Takei, who played Mr. Sulu in the original "Star Trek" TV series and films, tweeted in response, "Ahem. We are expecting some royalties from this."

2 killed when warehouse explosion shakes Houston

By JUAN A. LOZANO
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A massive explosion Friday leveled a warehouse in Houston, killing two workers, damaging nearby buildings and homes and rousing frightened residents from their sleep miles away, authorities said.

The explosion happened about 4:30 a.m. inside a building at Watson Grinding and Manufacturing, which makes valves and provides thermal-spray coatings for equipment in various industries, authorities said. The building was reduced to burning rubble and debris, and some of the surrounding buildings suffered heavy damage to parts of their walls and roofs.

Killed were employees Frank Flores and Geraldo Carasquillo, Police Chief Art Acevedo said at a Friday evening news conference. The two had arrived at their workplace early and were using its fitness gym when the blast happened, Mayor Sylvester Turner said.

Authorities believed there were no other fatalities but another 20 people were injured, two other warehouse workers and 18 others from neighboring homes and businesses, Turner said. None of the injuries were thought to be life-threatening.

Acevedo had said earlier that a family member of one of those killed was a U.S. Marine currently training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and called on the Marines to let the man return to Houston.

Local and federal officials will be at the scene for the next three to four days working through the ruins to determine what caused the explosion, Acevedo said. Authorities don't believe the explosion was intentional though a criminal investigation is underway, he said.

Houston Fire Chief Samuel Pena said hazardous materials crews have secured the valve on a 2,000-gallon tank of propylene that had been leaking. Propylene is a colorless gas used to produce chemicals in plastics, synthetic rubber and gasoline. It is highly flammable and can explode in a fire. People exposed to propylene can become dizzy and light-headed, and the gas can also cause liver damage.

LOTTERIES

Friday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
KS-9H-5S-6S-10S
Midday Daily 3
9-6-8
Midday Daily 4
7-4-7-4
Daily 3
9-8-0
Daily 4
4-5-3-0
Fantasy 5
09-14-19-20-32
Keno
02-03-04-08-12-16-21-24-25-29-32-33-41-42-48-53-59-62-63-69-77-78
Mega Millions jackpot
$130 million
Powerball jackpot
$373 million

Thursday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
10-15-22-42-45
Estimated jackpot: $498,000
Cash4Life
14-21-24-49-60, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
04-05-08-09-14-18-19-38-41-50-51-55-56-57-63-66-72-77-78-80, BE: 18
Daily Three-Midday
5-2-6, SB: 6
Daily Three-Evening
0-7-2, SB: 6
Daily Four-Midday
5-8-2-3, SB: 6
Daily Four-Evening
9-4-3-2, SB: 6
Quick Draw Evening
02-04-06-12-24-26-33-34-42-43-44-46-47-56-59-63-64-72-76-78, BE: 59

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02-05-24-30-33-39, Extra Shot: 12
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
04-12-14-20-43
Pick Three-Midday
2-2-1, Fireball: 1
Pick Three-Evening
0-2-4, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Midday
9-0-6-0, Fireball: 8
Pick Four-Evening
1-7-8-8, Fireball: 6
Lucky Day Lotto
16-27-32-37-44

– The Associated Press

Qassim Abdul-Zahra / AP

U.S. soldiers and journalists inspect the rubble at a site of Iranian bombing, in Ain al-Asad air base, Anbar, Iraq, on Monday. Ain al-Asad air base was struck by a barrage of Iranian missiles on Wednesday, in retaliation for the U.S. drone strike that killed atop Iranian commander, Gen. Qassem Soleimani, whose killing raised fears of a wider war in the Middle East.

Pentagon: 34 troops suffered brain injuries in Iran strike

By ROBERT BURNS
AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon disclosed on Friday that 34 U.S. service members suffered traumatic brain injuries in Iran's missile strike this month on an Iraqi air base, and although half have returned to work, the casualty total belies President Donald Trump's initial claim that no Americans were harmed. He later characterized the injuries as "not very serious."

Eight of the injured arrived in the United States on Friday from Germany, where they and nine others had been flown days after the Jan. 8 missile strike on Iraq's Ain al-Asad air base. The nine still in Germany are receiving treatment and evaluation at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, the largest U.S. military hospital outside the continental United States.

Jonathan Hoffman, the chief Pentagon spokesman, said the eight in the U.S. will be treated at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, or at their home bases. The exact nature of their injuries and their service and unit affiliations were not disclosed.

Trump had initially said he was told that no troops had been injured in the strike, which Iran carried out as retaliation for a U.S. drone strike in Baghdad that killed Iran's most powerful general, Qassem Soleimani, on Jan. 3. The military said symptoms of concussion or traumatic brain injury were not immediately reported after the strike and in some cases became known days later. Many were in bunkers before nearly a dozen Iranian ballistic missiles exploded.

The question of American casualties took on added importance at the time of the Iranian strike because the degree of damage was seen as influencing a U.S. decision on whether to counterattack and risk a broader war with Iran. Trump chose not to retaliate, and the Iranians then indicated their strike was sufficient for the time being. Tensions have since eased.

After the Pentagon reported on Jan. 17 that 11 service members had been evacuated from Iraq with concussion-like symptoms, Trump said, "I heard they had headaches and a couple of other things ... and I can report it is not very serious." He said he did not consider the injuries to be as severe as those suffered by troops who were hit by roadside bombs in Iraq.

Sen. Jack Reed, a Rhode Island Democrat and former Army Ranger, called on Trump to apologize.

"TBI is a serious matter," Reed said in a statement. "It is not a 'headache,' and it's plain wrong for President Trump to diminish their wounds. He may not have meant to disrespect them, but President Trump's comments were an insult to our troops. He owes them an apology."

At least 18 dead, hundreds hurt as quake hits eastern Turkey

By SUZAN FRASER
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — A 6.8-magnitude earthquake rocked a sparsely-populated part of eastern Turkey on Friday, killing at least 18 people, injuring more than 500 and leaving some 30 trapped in the wreckage of toppled buildings, Turkish officials said.

Rescue teams from neighboring provinces were dispatched to the affected areas, working in the dark with floodlights in the freezing cold, and Defense Minister Hulusi Akar said troops were on standby to help.

Hundreds of residents were left homeless or with damaged homes.

TV footage showed rescuers pull out one injured person from the rubble of a collapsed building in the district of Gezin, in the eastern Elazig province. Around 30 were believed to be trapped inside collapsed structures in Elazig province, Interior Minister Suleyman Soylu said. A video take at the scene shows residents running after the quake hit and emergency vehicles near a damaged building.

Health Minister Fahrettin Koca, who traveled to the afflicted area together with Soylu, said 13 people were killed in Elazig, including two people who suffered heart attacks, and five others died in Malatya. A total of 553 people were hurt, including 11 who were in serious condition.

Some 30 buildings had collapsed from the quake in the two provinces, according to Murat Kurum, the environment minister.

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Senior Services of Van Buren County will be accepting bids beginning February 3rd, 2020 from contractors for the renovations being done at the old Village Market.

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‘He is who he is’

Dems say oust Trump or he’ll betray again

By LISA MASCARO, ERIC TUCKER and ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Closing out their case, House Democrats warned Friday in Donald Trump’s impeachment trial that the president will persist in abusing his power and endangering American democracy unless Congress intervenes to remove him before the 2020 election.

“He is who he is,” declared Rep. Adam Schiff, the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee. He told the senators listening as jurors that Trump put the U.S-Ukraine relationship on the line in a way that benefited Russia just so he could take a political “cheap shot” at Democratic foe Joe Biden.

“You cannot leave a man like that in office,” Schiff said. “You know it’s not going to stop. ... It’s not going to stop unless the Congress does something about it.”

The Democratic prosecutors ended their presentation just before 9 p.m., with Schiff in the well of the Senate making one final plea to senators to ensure witnesses are called to testify.

“Give America a fair trial,” Schiff said. “She’s worth it.”

Trump is being tried in the Senate after the House impeached him last month, accusing him of abusing his office by asking Ukraine for politically motivated probes of Biden and other matters while withholding military aid from a U.S. ally that was at war with bordering Russia. A second article of impeachment accuses him of obstructing Congress by refusing to turn over documents or allow officials to testify in the House ensuing probe.

As Democrats finished their third day before skeptical Republican senators, Trump’s legal team prepared to start his defense, expected on Saturday. Trump, eyes on the audience beyond the Senate chamber, bemoaned the schedule in a tweet, saying “looks like my lawyers will be forced to start on Saturday, which is called Death Valley in T.V.”

Said Trump attorney Jay Sekulow: “We’re going to rebut and refute, and we’re going to put on an affirmative case tomorrow.”

Republicans are defending Trump’s actions as appropriate and are casting the impeachment trial as a politically motivated effort to weaken him in his reelection campaign. Republicans hold a 53-47 majority in the Senate, and eventual acquittal is considered likely.

Before that, senators will make a critical decision next week on Democratic demands to hear testimony from top Trump aides, including acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney and former national security adviser John Bolton who refused to appear before the House. It would take four GOP senators to join the Democratic minority to seek witnesses, and so far the numbers appear lacking.

Tweets urge calls to Supreme Court for fair Senate trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court doesn’t have a public comment line for its own work, much less the Senate’s.

That hasn’t stopped a fair number of social media users from urging people to call Chief Justice John Roberts at the Supreme Court and demand a fair trial or ask for witnesses or tell him to control the Senate. The court is receiving “a higher than usual number of public calls,” Supreme Court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said.

The messages seem to be mainly from people who support the impeachment and removal from office of President Donald Trump. Roberts is presiding over the Senate impeachment trial.

Note to America: It might feel good to give that message to a real person who answers the telephone in the court’s public information office, but it probably won’t get you anywhere.

The court does have an opinion line the public can call, but it’s for alerting people that the justices are expected to release their own opinions in cases, not listen to yours.

People can write the court, of course, and callers are being given the address, Arberg said.

The public information office also is suggesting that people contact their elected representatives “if their call regards the trial rules and procedures set by the Senate,” Arberg said.

Patrick Semansky / AP

President Donald Trump speaks at a March for Life rally Friday on the National Mall in Washington.

Trump attends anti-abortion rally

By JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump vowed to stand with anti-abortion activists Friday as he became the first sitting president to speak at the March for Life, an annual gathering that is one of the movement’s highest profile and most symbolic events.

“Today as President of the United States, I am truly proud to stand with you,” he told a crowd of thousands braving the cold on the National Mall. “Unborn children have never had a stronger defender in the White House.”

It was just four years ago when a political committee supporting one of Trump’s Republican rivals unveiled an ad slamming his views on abortion, complete with footage from a 1999 interview in which he declared, “I am pro-choice in every respect.”

But on Friday, Trump was hailed in speeches and on signs as “the most pro-life” American president ever.

The reception was yet another sign of his remarkable political transformation and the fact that white evangelical and conservative Christians remain among Trump’s most loyal backers. And the appearance made clear that, as he heads into the 2020 election, Trump is counting on those voters to help bring him across the finish line.

“I think it’s a brilliant move,” said Ralph Reed, chair of the Faith and Freedom Coalition and one of Trump’s most prominent evangelical supporters, of Trump’s decision to become the first president to take the event’s stage. Reed said the president’s appearance would “energize and remind pro-life voters what a great friend this president and administration has been.”

It also shows how much times have changed.

Past presidents who opposed abortion, including Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush, steered clear of personally attending the march to avoid being too closely associated with demonstrators eager to outlaw the procedure. They sent remarks for others to deliver, spoke via telephone hookup or invited organizers to the White House – but never appeared at the march.

Over the last 10 years, however, the Republican Party has undergone a “revolution,” displaying a new willingness to “embrace the issue as not only being morally right but politically smart,” said Mallory Quigley, a spokeswoman for the Susan B. Anthony List and Women Speak Out PAC, which is planning to spend $52 million this cycle to help elect candidates opposed to abortion rights.

While views of abortion have remained relatively stable over two decades of polling – with roughly 6 in 10 Americans saying abortion should be legal in all or most cases, according to Pew Research Center – both the Republican and Democratic parties have taken harder-line positions for and against abortion rights.

During his first three years in office, Trump has embraced socially conservative policies, particularly on abortion. He’s appointed judges who oppose it, cut taxpayer funding and painted Democrats who support abortion rights as extreme in their views.

“President Trump has done more for the pro-life community than any other president, so it is fitting that he would be the first president in history to attend the March for Life on the National Mall,” said White House spokesman Judd Deere.

Pence to pope: You made me a hero

VATICAN CITY (AP) — U.S. Vice President Mike Pence met with Pope Francis at the Vatican on Friday, discussing the anti-abortion march in Washington and telling the pontiff, “You made me a hero” back home by granting him a private audience.

The pope and the vice president had a private hour-long conversation. Pence was beaming after the meeting, which appeared to be particularly cordial.

The hero description apparently referred to Pence’s Catholic family upbringing. He later became an evangelical Christian.

Before journalists were ushered out of the library, Pence told Francis: “I want to extend the warmest greeting on behalf of President Donald Trump, who so enjoyed his visit here.”

Trump had a private audience with Francis at the Vatican in 2017, and on Friday in Washington, the U.S. president was attending an anti-abortion rally in Washington. Trump is the first sitting U.S. president to do so in the history of the annual March for Life’s history.

Pence’s office said the march in the U.S. capital was among the topics discussed with the pontiff. Catholic church teaching forbids abortion, and Pence himself has been staunchly anti-abortion.

In an interview right after his Vatican visit, Pence told U.S. Catholic media outlet EWTN News that it was a “great privilege” to meet with Francis.

He said meeting with Francis on a day when “literally hundreds of thousands of Americans, including many Catholic Americans, are gathered on our National Mall in Washington, D.C., standing up for the right to life was a particular joy for me.”

Campaign crunch time forces progressives to eye private jets

By WILL WEISSERT and ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren have spent the past year courting the Democratic Party’s base with appeals to the working class and sweeping promises to curb climate change. But as they balance their responsibilities to participate in the Senate’s impeachment trial and rally voters on the campaign trail, they’re turning to private air travel, an option typically reserved for the elite and criticized as environmentally unfriendly.

Sanders is expected to charter a flight to Iowa this weekend while the Senate trial is in recess. Warren hasn’t finalized her plans but is also considering private travel, and Amy Klobuchar hasn’t ruled it out. Only Michael Bennet says he’ll be flying commercial.

The senators are facing an unprecedented challenge in the final days before the Feb. 3 Iowa caucuses. At a time when they would typically barnstorm the state, they’re instead stuck in Washington as jurors in President Donald Trump’s impeachment case. The little time they have for campaigning makes commercial travel tough.

But the private planes present unique issues for Warren and Sanders. As the leading progressive voices in a crowded Democratic primary, they often criticize rivals they deem insufficiently loyal to those values. The sudden use of private travel is an example of how ideological rigidity can sometimes collide with White House aspirations.

“This is the problem of presenting your purity above your practicality,” said Democratic strategist Chris Lippincott, who has not endorsed any of the 2020 primary candidates. “When we think about certain candidates who talk a lot about the environment ... you’re going to hold them to a different standard.”

Lippincott applauded the 2020 presidential hopefuls in the Senate for being willing to fly privately, if that’s what their campaigns need.

“I understand it,” he said of trying to live progressive values at all times, “but the reality is, there’s a big risk of being perceived as being an ideologue and not a problem-solver.”

Transportation emissions overall make up the largest share of U.S. climate-damaging emissions, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Globally, air travel pumps out about 3 percent of overall emissions of climate-destroying carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels. Surging growth of air travel in Asia and around the world means those emissions will triple by 2050, the United Nations says, and recent studies say even that figure underestimates the explosive growth of air travel and its emissions.

In March, Sanders’ campaign became the first to announce it would provide carbon offsets, donations to environmental groups meant to mitigate the environmental effects of extra emissions. Since then, it had spent about $9,000 on them through September. And during his primary challenge to Hillary Clinton in 2016, Sanders paid around $14,000 for such offsets.

His campaign is making payments to NativeEnergy, based in Burlington, Vermont, which is the same company that Clinton used for them during her presidential bid in 2016. That’s also the same firm Warren uses, with her campaign paying a little more than $10,000 to it in September.

Some climate advocates said they weren’t bothered by the private travel, especially because they view a more carbon-conscious administration as a far better result for the climate than four more years of Trump in the White House.

Jacquelyn Martin / AP

Democratic Presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., speaks to the media before attending the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress on Thursday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

“If you’re a presidential candidate running to try to beat Donald Trump, who is a climate denier to his bones, and that requires you to move around the country ... you should do that,” said Leah Stokes, a professor and researcher into climate and energy politics at the University of California-Santa Barbara.

“World leaders fly around in airplanes – this is the modern era,” Stokes said. They can’t just hop a speedy train to Iowa, she said.

Trump has made a similar point for the opposite reason, poking fun at Democratic environmental plans.

“I really don’t like their policy of taking away your car, of taking away your airplane rights, of ‘Let’s hop a train to California,’” Trump said during a rally last February.

Sanders has pledged a $16.3 trillion environmental plan that would declare climate change a national emergency and calls for the U.S. to move to renewable energy across the economy until 2050. Warren wants to spend $3 trillion over 10 years to move the U.S. to 100 percent clean energy. And both are aggressive supporters of the “Green New Deal,” a sweeping plan to combat climate change.

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Too soon to tell if new virus as dangerous as SARS cousin

By LAURAN NEERGAARD and MARIA CHENG
Associated Press

Dake Kang / AP
A staff member moves bio-waste containers past the entrance of the Wuhan Medical Treatment Center in Wuhan, China, where some people infected with a new virus are being treated on Wednesday.

The new virus from China has the world on edge because it's a close cousin to viruses that killed hundreds in separate outbreaks. While it's too early to tell if this latest threat will prove as deadly, health authorities are drawing on lessons from that grim past.

What's the link?

The new virus comes from a large family of coronaviruses, some causing nothing worse than a cold. But in late 2002, a coronavirus named SARS erupted in southern China, causing a severe pneumonia that rapidly spread to other countries. It infected more than 8,000 people and killed 774 – and then it disappeared, thanks to public health measures.

In 2012, another coronavirus dubbed MERS began sickening people in Saudi Arabia. It's still hanging around, causing small numbers of infections each year: The World Health Organization has counted nearly 2,500 cases of MERS in the Middle East and beyond, and more than 850 deaths.

So far, deaths from the new virus have been a small fraction of the more than 850 confirmed infections, most of those cases in China.

Where do these viruses come from?

SARS and MERS came from animals, and this newest virus almost certainly did, too. The first people infected visited or worked at a seafood market in the Chinese city of Wuhan.

SARS initially was traced to civet cats sold in a live animal market, but later scientists decided it probably originated in bats that infected the civets. People can catch MERS from infected camels, although again, bats likely first spread that coronavirus to camels.

That animal-to-human jump is a huge concern for all kinds of viruses. Every so often, new strains of bird flu make the jump from Asian live poultry markets to people, for example.

"These wildlife markets are a risk," said Dr. Ian Lipkin of Columbia University, who assisted the WHO and China during the SARS outbreak and advises Saudi Arabia about MERS.

How similar are they?

Experts can't yet tell whether the new virus called 2019-nCoV – it stands for "novel coronavirus" – is more like SARS or MERS.

Genetically, they're all closely related but "they really are different viruses," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, infectious diseases chief at the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

One indication of a virus' danger is how easily it spreads from person to person.

Unlike SARS, "it looks like it doesn't transmit through the air very easily and probably transmits through close contact," said Dr. David Heymann, who headed WHO's global response to SARS.

And while it's too soon to be sure, Heymann said the new virus appears most dangerous to older adults who have other health problems. .

Complicating matters, if this new virus is fairly mild, it may be harder to stem the spread. That's because people who aren't sick enough to see a doctor and thus don't learn they should be isolated could keep spreading it, noted Neil Ferguson of Imperial College London, who has consulted for WHO. Nor is there any way to know yet how often people become infected but show no obvious symptoms.

"We may see more mild cases as the surveillance intensifies," WHO spokesman Tarik Jasarevic said Friday in Geneva. "So the issue is not so much really numbers that we know will go up."

It's flu season in the northern hemisphere – how will people know the difference?

Since symptoms are similar – fever, cough and in more severe cases shortness of breath or pneumonia – it'll take a medical test to tell. There is one, but health authorities in China, the U.S. and elsewhere are working to make it more widely available.

Given that it is flu season in China, too, it's "all the more impressive that they were able to recognize this outbreak quickly," Dr. Brian Garibaldi of Johns Hopkins University said.

Precautions that hospitals often use for flu season and for other infectious diseases should help for this, too, Garibaldi added. For example, in many U.S. hospitals people are given masks if they arrive with a fever and cough during flu season. And a legacy of the 2014 West Africa Ebola outbreak – which also resulted in infected travelers – is that doctors and hospitals are supposed to ask about recent foreign trips.

Hunting vaccines

While there is no vaccine – or specific treatment – for SARS or MERS, Fauci said it is technically possible to create a vaccine against this new virus. NIH did develop a potential vaccine candidate for SARS. It proved safe in a small first-step study in people but never was tested further because by then, the outbreak was ending.

This time around, scientists have more of a head start. Just weeks after the first unusual pneumonias were reported, Chinese scientists mapped the genes of the viral suspect and shared them with world health authorities.

Now, NIH is among several groups working to create a vaccine for the new virus, using newer and faster technology than was available during SARS. Fauci hopes to begin first-step safety tests in about three months, but something ready for real-world use would take far longer.

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Dr. Jennifer Layden, Chief Medical Officer of the Illinois Department of Public Health, speaks at a news conference in Chicago on Friday.

Chicago woman is second U.S. patient with new virus from China

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Chicago woman has become the second U.S. patient diagnosed with the dangerous new virus from China, health officials announced Friday.

The woman in her 60s returned from China on Jan. 13 without showing any signs of illness, but three or four days later she called her doctor to report feeling sick.

The patient is doing well and remains hospitalized "primarily for infection control," said Dr. Allison Arwady, Chicago's public health commissioner.

Earlier this week, a man in his 30s in Washington state became the first U.S. patient, also diagnosed after returning from a trip to the outbreak's epicenter in central China.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is expecting more Americans to be diagnosed with the newly discovered virus in coming days, as worldwide the number of confirmed cases has passed 850.

The virus can cause fever, coughing, wheezing and pneumonia. It is a member of the coronavirus family that's a close cousin to the deadly SARS and MERS viruses that have caused outbreaks in the past.

Still, "CDC believes that the immediate risk to the American public continues to be low at this time, but the situation continues to evolve rapidly," said CDC's Dr. Nancy Messonnier.

And those first two patients did the right thing, recognizing their travel risk and alerting doctors to it, so that health authorities could get them isolated to prevent spread, tested promptly, and start monitoring people who've had close contact with them.

It took about 36 hours for the first U.S. patient to be tested, get the results from the CDC in Atlanta and be hospitalized after he went to a clinic Sunday morning, according to a timeline released Friday by health officials in Washington state.

The incubation period is thought to be two weeks. But it's also a heavy flu season, and some of the symptoms are similar, Messonnier said.

"We want everyone to err on the side of caution if they have those symptoms and have a travel history," she stressed.

Illinois health officials did not identify the hospital where the woman is in isolation.

Protesters fear rising costs if firm buys dot-org universe

By ANICK JESDANUN and BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The company that controls the dot-org universe is trying to sell the online registry to an investment firm for more than $1 billion, drawing opposition from activists who protested Friday and others who fear costs would soar if a for-profit company is in charge of registering the website suffix.

About 20 people representing nonprofits rallied outside the Los Angeles building housing the organization that oversees domain names, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers. ICANN is meeting this weekend and is expected to rule by mid-February on plans by private-equity firm Ethos Capital to buy the Public Interest Registry for $1.1 billion.

Holding signs saying, "Save Dot Org," and chanting, "ICANN, you can stop the sale," opponents said they were concerned that the cost of registering a dot-org website will skyrocket. They also worry about the potential loss of freedoms of speech and expression if the registry is in the wrong hands.

"Who is going to stand up when the pressure comes from the owners of this private equity firm to get more money off their investment and to raise domain prices?" said Elliot Harmon, activism director of the Electronic Frontier Foundation. "Who is going to stand up for nonprofits when governments come along that don't have the civil society's interests at their best hearts, asking them to take down the websites of their critics?"

Ethos Capital and the Internet Society, which runs the registry now, said those concerns are misplaced and the sale is being misunderstood.

They said in a statement that prices will remain low, the registry's managers will stay in place and the infusion of capital will ensure the long-term growth of dot-org. They also rejected assertions that online content would be spied on and censored.

"This notion is baseless and, frankly, a demonstration of the type of speculation that has taken the discussion surrounding the future of .ORG irresponsibly out of context," the statement said. "Ethos and PIR take freedom of expression very seriously, and the registry's commitment to free speech will continue unabated."

The protesters hoped to give an ICANN board member a letter signed by 35,000 supporters urging it to block the sale. After two hours, they were beginning to walk away when most of the board emerged to meet with them.

The signatures presented were backed by 700 organizations, including Greenpeace, Consumer Reports, Farm Aid, Girl Scouts of the USA and the American Bible Society.

U.S. says e-commerce firms need to do more about fake goods

By BEN FOX
Associated Press

Eric Gay / AP
The U.S. and U.S. Department of Homeland Security flags fly in Karnes City, Texas.

WASHINGTON — E-commerce has unleashed an increasing torrent of fake merchandise upon the world and private companies and the U.S. government must do more to address the problem, Trump administration officials said Friday as they released a plan aimed at cracking down on counterfeit goods.

An "action plan" released by the Department of Homeland Security says the government will apply increased scrutiny of e-commerce, including the third-party sellers who sell goods on the major online sites as well as shippers and operators of the warehouses where merchandised is stored.

It also calls on the e-commerce companies to strengthen protections for consumers, more thoroughly screen third-party sellers who use their sites and take other actions to reduce the spread of counterfeit products that has ballooned with growth of online sales in recent years.

"Some platforms have put in place certain measures to guard against counterfeits," Chad Wolf, the acting secretary DHS, said in releasing the plan, "but there efforts are oftentimes overwhelmed by the scale of the activity online."

Fake merchandise, everything from bogus medicine to knockoff handbags, has always been around but has never been so universally available with the growth of e-commerce through sites such as Amazon, eBay and the Chinese giant Alibaba.

The international trade in counterfeit products rose 154 percent, from $200 billion in 2005 to $509 billion in 2016, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. DHS said in the report that it made nearly 34,000 seizures of fake goods in 2018, a 10-fold increase from 2000.

To underscore their point, and the potential risk, they displayed a range of bogus goods, including a bike helmet, cigarettes, auto parts and tools and fake medications.

DHS considers the issue a threat to national security because of the potential danger to public health from adulterated pharmaceuticals and cosmetics as well as the harm to the U.S. economy. Officials say the proceeds from counterfeit goods may also benefit global criminal networks.

"This is an absolute righteous threat that's growing exponentially every single year," said Mark Morgan, acting commissioner of Customs and Border Protection.

The plan was created in response to a presidential memo signed by President Donald Trump in April that called for the creation of a strategy to rein in what the administration called the "Wild West" of online trafficking in counterfeit goods.

In addition to increased scrutiny of the industry and enforcement, the plan says authorities will seek to apply fines and penalties to a "broader range" of participants in the counterfeit networks and launch a consumer awareness campaign.

Release of the plan follows the recent signing of the Phase 1 trade agreement with China, in which the Chinese government agreed to combat patent theft and counterfeit products.

At the time, Alibaba said it would welcome the administration's work to combat counterfeiting. The company said it has developed systems to protect intellectual property and has worked with brand name companies, law enforcement, consumers and trade associations to battle the problem.

Amazon says it prohibits the sale of counterfeit products and welcomes more coordinated support from law enforcement to stem the problem.

The company said in 2018 that it spent more than $400 million fighting counterfeit products, fraud and other forms of abuse and that its efforts "go well beyond" its obligations under U.S. law.

The company said a statement Friday that this year it will begin reporting all confirmed counterfeiters that it has blocked to law enforcement so they can build cases against them.

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Lake Michigan home demolished to avoid collapse

By BRAD DEVEREAUX
mlive.com

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A home in Allegan County's Ganges Township was demolished this week due to high water and the impact of erosion. This drone photograph shows where the home sat before it was razed.

Joel Bissell / MLive.com
This is what remains of the home in Ganges Township that was demolished this week. The home had been in the Curtis family since the 1930s, but the owners decided to demolish it with the collapsing dune growing closer to the edge of the home.

GANGES — Helen Curtis-Foster looked on an excavator ripped into her mother's Lake Michigan home, which has been in their family since the 1800s.

In the 1940s, a cinder-block house was built, with its backyard overlooking the big lake. In the 1970s, her parents added to the house, which for Curtis-Foster holds many fond memories from her childhood.

"It was our job to enjoy it, appreciate it and take care of it," she said, remembering hours spent in the yard with her siblings and many fun times spent with friends and family.

On Monday, she watched as an excavator tore down the homes walls, leaving only a cement pad scattered with debris. Large trees were upside-down along the cliff face below, with roots exposed. That is a recent development, the family said, after the dune beneath the trees gave way.

"It's a sad thing," Curtis-Foster said.

The 68-year-old said there is still a mortgage on the home at 2268 Lakeshore Drive in Allegan County's Ganges Township. None of the work being done to demolish the home is covered by insurance, she said.

Curtis-Foster has watched for some time as the steady force of erosion ate away at the bluff beneath the lakefront home. She realized in fall 2019 there was going to be a problem.

"We kept our eye on little stones," Curtis-Foster said. "How much has that moved? Is that one still there?"

The cliff edge has moved steadily closer and closer to the home's rear walls, she said, putting it at increased danger of toppling down the dune.

"It moved little by little," Curtis-Foster said. "We would come back and a chunk would be missing."

Her situation is not unique. Many homeowners and other property owners along the Lake Michigan shoreline, from the lake's southern edge to Northern Michigan, have been faced with similar difficult decisions as the pace of shoreline erosion increases, toppling dune stairways and other structures and putting homes and other structures at risk of collapse.

Many shoreline counties, and state lawmakers who represent residents there, have called on Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to declare a state of emergency to assist with rising costs of repairs and preventative measures tied to the shoreline erosion.

Property owners and those familiar with the history of shoreline erosion in the area blame powerful waves from storms and nearly record-high lake levels for spawning the stepped-up forces of erosion along the shore. Some homeowners have responded by placing boulders to shield their properties from waves, while others are moving or demolishing homes to prevent impending collapse.

Along the shoreline between Saugatuck and South Haven where Curtis-Foster's family home is located, Allegan County officials are monitoring the situation as erosion pushes inland.

As the edge of the bluff separating her property from the lapping waves of Lake Michigan below moved closer and closer, Curtis-Foster and her siblings made the difficult choice to demolish their family home rather than face environmental penalties and the expense of cleanup should it collapse into the lake.

Through the years, the home was well-known among their circle of family and friends as a gathering place.

"If you needed a place to stay, my parents would be there for family, friends, whatever," Curtis-Foster said.

There are a lot of good memories made there, she said, of days at the beach and walking to visit neighbors.

Curtis-Foster now lives across the street with her husband, Bob Foster, within walking distance of the family's lakefront home.

Tearing it down was the best option as erosion threatened to send the home down the cliff, she said. Curtis-Foster said they sought estimates for moving the home or recovering it if it fell off the bluff. Both estimated costs of "hundreds of thousands of dollars," she said.

"We really felt we were in the fight against time," Curtis-Foster said. "It was getting scary."

The cost to demolish the home was under $20,000, she said.

Now that the house is gone, the family is considering building a gazebo on the site to make use of the land and find a way to share their lakefront getaway with new generations.

Curtis-Foster said her mother, Mary Ann Curtis, lived in the home until recently. She now lives in Colorado now. Suffering from Alzheimer's disease, she is unaware of what is happening to the house, she said.

Curtis-Foster's father, the Rev. James Curtis died in the mid 2000s, she said. It was her father who had, years ago, built structures of tires on poles in efforts to protect the property from erosion.

Curtis-Foster said she and her siblings made the decision to move the home once they realized it was getting dangerous.

"The decision was made because we said, 'It looks like it's going to fall in,'" Curtis-Foster said. "Can we take it out? No we cannot. Can we afford to recover it if it falls? We cannot.

"OK, we have to take it down and it has to happen now."

Dems pick Whitmer for State of Union response

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer will deliver the Democratic response to President Donald Trump's State of the Union address on Feb. 4. Rep. Veronica Escobar of Texas will deliver the Spanish-language response.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer made the announcement Friday.

They praised Whitmer for her efforts to ensure clean drinking water is available in communities across Michigan, which was scarred by the 2014 water crisis in Flint. About 25,000 people have sued over the crisis, in which a change in the source of the city's water resulted in lead contamination.

Whitmer, a former prosecutor who was sworn in as governor last year, defeated Republican state Attorney General Bill Schuette, a Trump ally. She had previously served as Democratic Leader in the Michigan state Senate and was the first woman to lead the Senate caucus.

Escobar, of El Paso, attended a protest rally in August ahead of Trump's visit to the city after a mass shooting at a Walmart killed 22 people. Police said the gunman specifically targeted Mexicans. Escobar spent two decades in local government before coming to Washington. She's the first Latina to represent her district.

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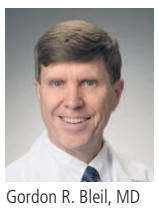
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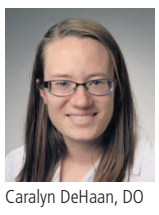
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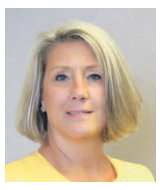
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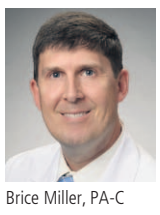
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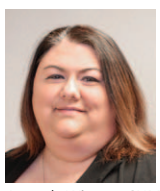
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25 years ago – 1995

Visitors at St. Joseph's new fire station can take a walk through history simply by strolling down the hall. Firefighters began setting up a display of framed photographs and newspapers depicting some of the department's history, in their new home at Broad and Wayne streets. A 22-foot brass pole, which firefighters used at the old station for sliding from the upper to lower level, is mounted horizontally on the wall at the new one-story station.

35 years ago – 1985

It's not often that one high school is blessed with two outstanding wrestlers, but such is the case this season at Lake Michigan Catholic. Lakers Tom Martinic and Jim Gioiosa are well on their way to brilliant senior seasons.

Gioiosa is currently 27-0 with 21 pins and Martinic is 27-1 with 23 pins, and both will surpass their school's all-time win record of 125 set by former state champion Mike Simaz.

50 years ago – 1970

A group of Grand Mere area men have developed an ice rink at North Grand Mere Park in Lincoln Township. They cleared a 100 by 100 foot square area and then borrowed a pump and proceeded to build up a 14-inch skating surface on the west end of North Grand Mere Lake. The rink has been getting a heavy workout from skaters.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 2020. There are 341 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Jan. 25, 1915, America's first official transcontinental telephone call took place as Alexander Graham Bell, who was in New York, spoke to his former assistant, Thomas Watson, who was in San Francisco, over a line set up by American Telephone & Telegraph.

On this date:

In 1863, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln accepted Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside's resignation as commander of the Army of the Potomac and replaced him with Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker.

In 1924, the first Winter Olympic Games opened in Chamonix, France.

In 1945, the World War II Battle of the Bulge ended as German forces were pushed back to their original positions. Grand Rapids, Michigan, became the first community to add fluoride to its public water supply.

In 1947, gangster Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Florida, at age 48.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy held the first presidential news conference to be carried live on radio and television.

In 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.

In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

In 1993, Sears announced that it would no longer publish its famous century-old catalog.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Rain Likely	Scattered Rain	Chance Rain & Snow	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
39°	32°	37° / 31°	35° / 33°	37° / 30°	35° / 32°

Local Outlook

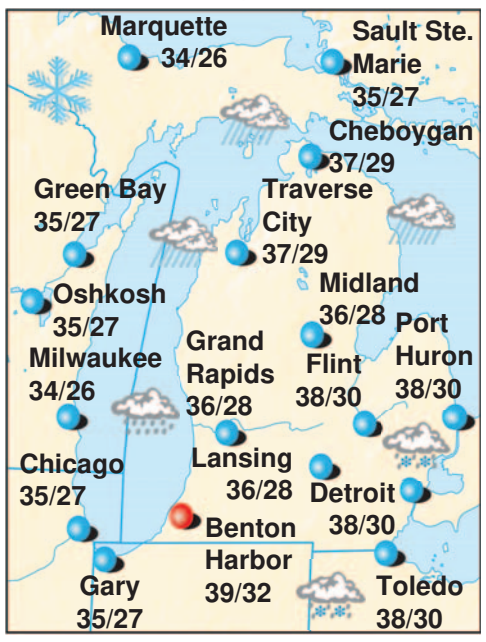
Today we will see cloudy skies with a 95% chance of rain, high of 39°, humidity of 84%. Southwest wind 9 to 15 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 55% chance of scattered rain, overnight low of 32°. West wind 8 to 15 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 25°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	8:05 a.m.
Sunset	5:50 p.m.
Moonrise	8:49 a.m.
Moonset	6:40 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
2/1	2/9	2/15	2/23

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	38°
Low	33°
Normal High	31°
Normal Low	16°
Record High	48° in 2010
Record Low	-9° in 2014

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.10"
Month to date	3.65"
Normal for month	1.34"
Year to date	3.65"
Normal Year to date	1.34"

Air Quality

Yesterday 41

Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

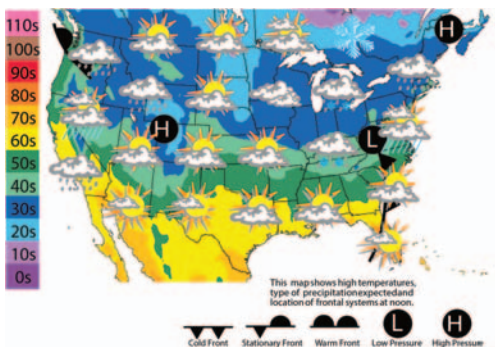
Weather Trivia

In which direction do tornadoes usually move? ?

Answer: Southwest to Northeast.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 25, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, S wind 9 to 11 kt. Areas of rain and snow showers. Waves 1 to 2 ft. Water temperature 36 degrees. Tonight, WNW wind 10 to 15 kt. A chance of showers. Waves 2 to 3 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread showers and snow, highs in the 30s. East northeast wind 2 to 14 mph. Expect cloudy skies Sunday with scattered rain and snow, highs in the 30s. West wind 8 to 13 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with scattered rain and snow, highs in the 30s. Southwest wind 9 to 15 mph. Expect cloudy skies Sunday with scattered rain and snow, highs in the 30s. West wind 7 to 10 mph.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Rudy, a therapy dog, stops by Pam McLean's second-grade classroom on Thursday. Rudy doesn't go to school every day because she's getting up there in years.

RUDY

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"They're like, 'Well, we need to be quieter, let's not run,'" Hazzard-Reed said. "And I'm like, 'OK, let's do that.' We want to make sure she feels comfortable."

Macerata added: "It teaches them to think more than just about themselves."

Students also learn about how to care for an animal. For example, Hazzard-Reed said the students make sure Rudy's water bottle is full.

Rudy is popular now, but when she was born, no one knew how long she would live. She was born with an abdominal hernia and the people at Animal Aid of Southwestern Michigan didn't want anyone getting too attached to her in case she didn't recover from the surgery to fix it.

"I went there, actually, to see her brother, but he wanted nothing to do with me," Hazzard-Reed said. "You can tell when you pick up a puppy. There's either a connection or there isn't."

But Rudy was whimpering, so she said she convinced the Animal Aid volunteers to let her carefully hold her.

"I picked her up and she nuzzled right in," she said. "I'm like, 'This is the one.' ... We've been together ever since."

In addition, Rudy has an extra toe on one of her paws.

"(The students) think that's really cool because she's different, but she's still cool," she said.

Because Rudy has overcome obstacles, Hazzard-Reed named her after Daniel Eugene "Rudy" Ruettiger, who played football as a walk-on at the University of Notre Dame in the 1970s, even though he was small. Ruettiger's struggles were the inspiration for the 1993 film "Rudy."

Hazzard-Reed said she is in each classroom once a week teaching social-emotional lessons. But she said Rudy doesn't come with her to school every day because as a senior citizen, she needs some days off.

"I try to mix up her days coming in because then she gets to go into the different grades," Hazzard-Reed said. "There's a calendar so the kids know what days she will be here."

In addition, Rudy helps some of the kindergartners who are struggling with getting dropped off by their parents.

"Rudy will walk with them down to the hallway. It helps them transition into the day and gives them something to look forward to," she said.

Since she started bringing Rudy to school, she said other schools are asking how she did it.

"It's becoming more popular," she said.

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GUNS

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to own a gun and protect himself and his family are unconstitutional, including "restricting the type of firearms I may own; how many I may purchase; the closing of gun clubs; placing excessive taxes on ammo and firearms; and my ability to instruct firearms training."

Several Berrien commissioners, including David Vollrath and Teri Freehling, said they favor considering the resolution.

Commissioner Ezra Scott said he supports Second Amendment rights, but he is concerned that the word "sanctuary" has a negative connotation because of its use in connection with immigration laws. He suggested that they consider substituting the wording with "constitutional county" because commissioners take an oath to uphold the U.S. and Michigan constitutions.

Chairman Mac Elliott agreed that the word "sanctuary" is "problematic" and that their purpose is to reaffirm constitutional rights.

Walker responded that the term "sanctuary" is meant to provide a grace period while an injunction is requested against any proposed gun legislation.

Berrien commissioners are looking at four different templates for the resolution, including one from Marquette County.

The proposed resolution also states that "It is further resolved that this Board affirms its support for the Berrien County Sheriff and the Berrien County Prosecuting Attorney, in the exercise of their sound discretion to not enforce against any citizen an unconstitutional firearms law."

Scott said that, while the board controls the purse strings for county departments, it does not control the sheriff's department or prosecutor's office, and cannot tell those officials who they can arrest and charge. He suggested that the board's attorney examine that clause, and also asked for time to question the sheriff and prosecutor about the proposal.

Commissioner Bill Chickering added that they should get feedback from their state legislators.

A resolution has been introduced in the Michigan House, sponsored by Rep. Brad Paquette, R-Niles, and others, declaring Michigan a Second Amendment Sanctuary state.

Opponents have called such resolutions and declarations unnecessary.

Berrien County Democratic Party Chairman Amy Scrima issued this statement: "The Berrien County Democratic Party supports an individual's right to bear arms and we also support common sense legislation to keep people safe from gun violence. Policies like universal background checks and limited magazine capacities would save innocent people from unnecessary harm. These are the type of legislative actions Democrats would like to see our elected officials focusing on, as opposed to unnecessary resolutions aimed at stoking fear and creating greater divides."

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BISHOP

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Dan has been a major force for progress in Lawton."

Bishop will begin his new duties Monday, Feb. 3, at an annual starting salary of $100,434. He was chosen from six people who interviewed for the position.

"We are exceptionally pleased that Dan has taken on this leadership role," Road Commission Chair Greg Kinney said. "His broad knowledge, coupled with his dedication to serving the public make him well positioned to lead the road commission forward into this new decade."

Bishop has spent more than 30 years involved in local government, including 28 years of manager experience. Over the years he has served as a manager in nine communities, including the village of Mattawan, Otsego, Sterling Heights and most recently Lawton, where he has been employed as manager since 2017. He has experience working with public works departments, budgeting, human resources and public relations.

Before being hired as Lawton's manager, Bishop served as city manager of Albion, but his employment was terminated in March 2014 after allegations surfaced that he had assaulted an employee at a city retirement gathering, according to articles published in the Battle Creek Enquirer. Later, Bishop pleaded no contest to the misdemeanor charge and was sentenced to six months' probation, ordered to attend an anger management class and pay $655 in fines and court costs. At the time he stated the incident had ruined his career.

In a phone interview on Friday, Bishop recalled the incident. "We were at a retirement party. The mayor was trying to read a proclamation and an employee kept interrupting by clapping. I pushed her arms down and told her to stop. That was considered an assault. For other people it may never have amounted to that, but I was in a high-profile position."

After Bishop left Albion he retired from public administration and began working for the Van Buren County Road Commission.

"I drove trucks, patched roads, a little bit of everything," he said. Bishop then returned to municipal service in 2017 when he was chosen as Lawton's village manager.

Bishop said he decided to apply for the road commission manager's job because of the time he had spent working there.

"It's a nice organization. Very well run," he said. "It (being hired as manager) is a bit of a homecoming."

Bishop replaces Larry Hummel, whose dual role as manager/engineer of the road commission was terminated in April 2019 by the commission's board.

After Hummel left, the board decided to separate the two positions.

Barry Antila, who served as a highway engineer for the road commission, was put in charge of the department, and is assisted by three engineer technicians.

WATER TAXI

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a new opportunity to utilize the water as a means of transportation. It will enhance the accessibility, mobility and connection within the communities, and to businesses located within close proximity of the three stops."

Brady Cohen, owner of the SWMI Cycle Boat, introduced the business in 2019.

"We're thrilled to deepen our existing relationship with Cornerstone Alliance and believe that aligning our efforts to better serve the community and tourists, and partnering with the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, will allow guests to experience what our beautiful harbor in St. Joseph and Benton Harbor has to offer," Cohen said in the release.

The 2020 Senior PGA Championship is heading back to Benton Harbor from May 19-24. It will be the fifth time Harbor Shores has hosted the Senior PGA Championship since 2012.

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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOLS

Photos by Tony Wittkowski / HP staff

Instructional coach Jesseca LaFayette listens to a student Friday during a breakout session for a fifth-grade class at Lincoln Elementary School.

Classroom coach

SJ schools introduces coaching for teachers

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

Instructional coach Jesseca LaFayette works with a group of students during a reading circle Friday at Lincoln Elementary School. LaFayette, who is also a first-grade teacher at E.P. Clarke Elementary School, began working as an instructional coach for the St. Joseph school district in the fall.

ST. JOSEPH — Jesseca LaFayette essentially has two jobs at St. Joseph Public Schools.

In the afternoon, LaFayette teaches math and science at E.P. Clarke Elementary School. In the morning, she can be found in one of three elementary schools, operating as an instructional coach.

As an instructional coach, LaFayette serves as a mentor, a researcher and someone who fosters professional development for the school district's staff. She meets with teachers and offers advice on their teaching methods, curriculum or projects they want to introduce to the classroom.

"There's been so many mentors I've had along my career path that have helped me to become a better teacher, so it was important for me to inspire others," LaFayette said. "We all want to be on our A-game for the students, but it's such an intense job."

Being a coach allows LaFayette to work alongside teachers in the classroom. She said she sees herself as a more of a collaborative partner, as opposed to a coach.

The state has been pushing the instructional coaching model through its Literacy Essentials Initiative, in an effort to help teachers improve.

The St. Joseph school board agreed to add the position – for elementary schools first as a pilot program – last fall. Since taking on the position, LaFayette is job-sharing her regular classroom duties so she can work part-time as an instructional coach.

Curriculum Director Kelly Gaideski said the new position has been a game-changer for the district after one semester.

With the need for more professional development time, Gaideski said the position has addressed several areas of need for teachers and administrators.

"It's a support for teachers," Gaideski said. "The principals have been pushing for this for a while because their hands are busy all the time. There's always little fires in the life of a principal, so some of the work they love is working one-on-one with teachers. They don't get that chance often."

Lincoln Elementary School Principal Craig Hubble can attest to this.

He said it's been beneficial to everyone so far who have taken the opportunity to have LaFayette in their class.

"You hear from teachers and people in education that the time to reflect on our practice is what we need most, and yet it is the thing we have the least time for," Hubble said. "This allows teachers to have somebody who can come in and watch them teach, give them immediate feedback that is nonthreatening."

Been here before

LaFayette was an instructional coach prior to her stint at St. Joseph schools.

For three years she held the

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Ask a Cop

STEVE NEUBECKER
St. Joseph
Public Safety Director

Navigating speed changes

When does a posted speed limit need to be obeyed, when you pass the sign or when you first see it?

Some places have signs advising of an upcoming change, which gives time to slow down, for instance. But my husband insists that as soon as you see a sign announcing a higher rate, it's OK to speed up right away.

Annette, from Coloma

Annette,

As always I would like to thank you for taking the time to ask a question that I'm sure has been a topic of debate during several car rides throughout the years.

To address your initial question, the speed limit indicated on a speed limit sign takes effect when your vehicle reaches the sign. Put more simply, your vehicle speed needs to be at or below the posted limit when your vehicle passes by the sign. Speed limits in the state of Michigan are determined in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The speed limit that is set, is set at a speed at which both the state of Michigan and the NHTSA agree is safe. These determinations take into account population density, traffic patterns, and previous traffic accidents, among other factors.

This being said, there is a process in which local municipalities (counties, townships, cities, villages etc.) can appeal to the state of Michigan and request to make changes to (increase or decrease) the speed limits within their respective jurisdiction. When these changes are approved by the state, the local governing body that requested the changes (county, township, city, village etc.) is required by the state to provide "adequate signs giving notice of the special regulations." These are the signs that announce a change in speed limit prior to the actual change in the speed limit taking effect. These signs are an indication of a future increase or decrease in speed and are not signs that are to be used to indicate the current speed limit.

I hope, as always, that I have answered your question in its entirety and if you have any additional questions feel free to reach out to our police department at any time.

Send in your questions about the law; get an answer from those who enforce it. Email your question to AskACop@TheHP.com and it may be featured in an article.

Britten named to state environmental justice panel

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — Nichole Britten, health officer for the Berrien County Health Department, is one of 21 Michiganders selected to the state's first Michigan Advisory Council for Environmental Justice, under the direction of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy announced.

BRITTEN

"Since taking office, I've been deliberate and focused on protecting our Great Lakes, cleaning up our drinking water, and combating the real-life impacts of climate change," said Whitmer in a news release. "To address ongoing environmental justice issues, it was absolutely critical that those impacted daily have a seat at the table. We must ensure that the implementation and enforcement of environmental protections, regulations, and policies in Michigan will be fair and meaningful to all Michiganders, regardless of geography, race, color, origin, or income. Actions like these will help to further rebuild trust in our state government."

Britten, of St. Joseph, was hired by the health department in 2007 and was appointed to head the department in 2016. She had previously served as deputy health officer, director of community health planning, and epidemiologist for the county. Britten is a member of the Be Healthy Berrien Steering Committee and Michigan's Great Southwest Strategic Leadership Council Health Subcommittee. She earned her Master of Public Health from Yale University.

The Interagency Environmental Justice Response Team is led by Regina Strong, the state's Environmental Justice Public Advocate. The MAC EJ will provide public and impacted community input for the directors appointed to the Response Team. The Response Team is also planning regional roundtables around the state to ensure that as many people as possible are at the table on environmental issues.

"Meeting people where they are is vital to our commitment to making Michigan a leader in environmental justice," said EGLE Director Liesl Clark. "Creating the Michigan Advisory Council on Environmental Justice is an important step in building the framework to ensure all Michiganders benefit equitably from our environmental laws and regulations. Through both the Office of Environmental Justice Public Advocate and the Interagency Environmental Justice Response Team, we are working to address inequities that impact communities across this state. The creation of this advisory council will play an important role in helping us achieve that goal."

BERRIEN SPRINGS SCHOOLS

District construction projects mostly on schedule

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Activity on the Berrien Springs school district campus is sure to get busier in coming months. Construction is already well underway on the new $9 million Sylvester Stadium and should start this June on the $19.7 million performing arts and athletic centers.

Consultant Tony Leininger of Carmi Design gave Berrien Springs school board members an update on both projects at the board's meeting Thursday night. The meeting also featured tributes in honor of School Board Recognition Month, a report on high school guidance office services and action on a pre-Labor Day school start waiver.

Leininger said the Sylvester Stadium project is still on schedule to be done before the Aug. 1 deadline. Currently, masonry bearing work is done and face brick work is being done in advance of the installation of the bleachers. The roof structure has been installed except for the tunnel and press box and all roofing materials are on site, he said.

In addition, he said the mechanical, electrical and plumbing work is underway and the bleachers will start to be erected by the end of March. Leininger said that while poor weather in November kept workers from paving the parking lot with

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asphalt, "overall the winter weather has been kind to the build team."

He noted that the project is slightly behind schedule but should catch up when the building is enclosed in mid- to late March. Work will concentrate on exterior and interior fixtures from March through May, with site work finishing up from mid-April through July.

The new stadium replaces the current football field with a complex set to be home not only to football, but also soccer and track and field. The project involves re-aligning and enlarging the football field and making other improvements, such as using artificial turf and more parking. The site totals 12 acres.

The stadium construction got underway in late May and forced the high school football team to play all their "home" games on the road in 2019 at nearby high schools. The field being replaced dated back to 1938 and was last renovated in 1999.

Leininger then turned to what he's calling the "arts and athletic center" and which the district still calls the performing arts and indoor athletic centers. The $19.7 million project is being funded by a bond issue voters approved in 2018. The new building will be constructed adjacent and attached to the high school.

Leininger and architect Randy Boerson reported on the status of plans for the arts and athletic center. They said the project is in the construction documents phase – the last design phase before bids go out.

Construction documents are scheduled to be done by the end of February with a request for bids going out in early March. Bids will be due in early April for board action later that month. Construction should start in late May or early June after the end of the track and soccer seasons.

"It's coming to life. We're now paying attention to materials and colors," Leininger said. He noted that the masonry and brick sections of the exterior will match the rest of the high school with lighter colors including insulated metal paneling featured on the elevated sections around the auditorium and gym.

He said he's perhaps most excited about the drawings of the lobby, which will lead people to the athletics area on one side and the auditorium on the other. The lobby will feature curved walls, a polished concrete floor and different levels to the ceiling with wood, dry wall, metal and acoustic clouds.

Boerson said the Carmi team has been holding three-dimensional sessions using virtual reality equipment to finish up the construction documents. He said the project remains on schedule, with construction starting in June and taking 20 months to complete. The completion date is set for February 2022.

In action, board members approved the submittal of a letter of interest to Berrien RESA for the pre-Labor Day school start. Superintendent Dave Eichberg said he thinks the school board is interested in pursuing starting school before Labor Day, but he's unsure whether it would happen this year or next.

He said area superintendents are looking to develop a common calendar that most if not all school districts in the county agree to implement. He said districts can opt in or out, if the state grants the waiver.

Eichberg informed the board that one of two extra days built into the school calendar this year in the event of extra "snow days" being needed will now be a day off for students. That day is Feb. 17. If there are no snow days in February, there will likely be another day off in March.

Photography expert to conduct Capture One tutorial

By HP STAFF

REGOVICH

ST. JOSEPH — Rob Regovich, a digital photography expert, will conduct a tutorial on Capture One, a photo imaging software, and discuss the history of camera RAW processing software at a Twin City Camera Club meeting on Monday.

The public is invited to the meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the club, 521 Elm St., St Joseph.

Regovich is a commercial photographer and studio manager based in St. Joseph. He is a member of the world-class team of stylists, imagers, producers and photographers at JohnsonRauhoff, which creates advertising and marketing materials for Fortune 500 companies and major retailers in the U.S. and around the world.

He is a digital photography expert with extensive experience in a wide variety of digital systems. He also is a regular speaker at commercial photography conventions and events.

The Twin City Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m., the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Anyone interested in photography is invited to attend or join the club.

For more information, contact club president Steve Campbell at president@twincitycameraclub.com, or club secretary Sandy Hafer at secretary@twincitycameraclub.com, or visit the website twincitycameraclub.com.

COACH

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same position, on a full-time basis, for Ames Community Schools in Iowa. LaFayette said became an instructional coach because she has a passion for improving her craft.

She said forming trust and a relationship is the bedrock of coaching and teaching. It's one of several things she tries to focus on when she visits each school.

LaFayette was approached by Gaideski, who had heard she had come to the district with that experience.

"When the opportunity presented itself I was very excited," she said.

LaFayette's favorite part of being an instructional coach is having a conversation with a colleague and seeing a look in their eyes when something hits home.

The hardest part is when she doesn't have an answer.

"Human nature for me is I see a problem and I want to fix it," LaFayette said. "That being said, I don't have the best answers all the time. I use conversation and dialogue to help the teacher and I to arrive to a solution together."

Helping a teacher refine their points and working with students in three elementary schools takes nuance and a lot of effort.

Because of this, LaFayette's been on what she refers to as "mission relationships" since taking on the position.

"That's just me trying my best to make sure I meet everyone," she said. "If somebody has a request, I want to reach out and follow up with them. I've been intentional about listening and being a good observer of school culture."

A new wave?

Hubble, along with the other principals in the St. Joseph district, have had multiple conversations over the years about instructional coaching.

Hubble said he and the other principals have stayed connected with colleagues in other districts and states. In doing so, he said they've learned the concept of how mentoring has moved to the forefront of education.

"It's something we've been engaged in learning ourselves," Hubble said.

LaFayette divides her time between the three elementary schools on a two-day rotational basis.

Gaideski estimates that LaFayette has worked with about 25 percent of teachers.

Sometimes it's a quick modeling for the teacher or watching them for feedback. Other times, it's a large-scale effort.

When asked how he explains what an instructional coach does, Hubble makes the comparison to that of a coach in sports.

"It is the same as what you would do for an athlete if you were a coach," he said. "You'd have somebody coach them and watch them go through the motions and tell them where they can tweak things. That's what Jess does."

Gaideski said the feedback from teachers who have used LaFayette's services has been overwhelming.

"The one common theme I've heard was how this has helped them change their practice for the better," Gaideski said. "Any time we are able to help a teacher grow in something they want to get better at is powerful. It's beneficial to everyone involved."

Gaideski said it's her hope to eventually make it a full-time position and possibly expand the instructional coach role to the high school and Upton Middle School.

"The value of this is being more and more publicized," she said. "You'll see more and more (schools) adopting coaching models."

Like Gaideski, LaFayette hopes the position will be expanded.

However, LaFayette wants to see a team of coaches in action.

"It would be great to see coaches available at every building, K through 12," she said. "Two heads are always better than one. The classroom for a teacher is a very isolated space. When kids go to school each day under the care of a teacher, you have to remember that's one teacher and lots of kids."

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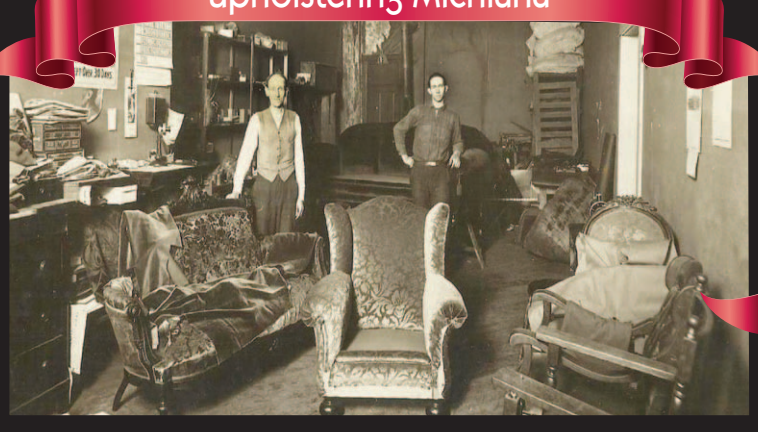

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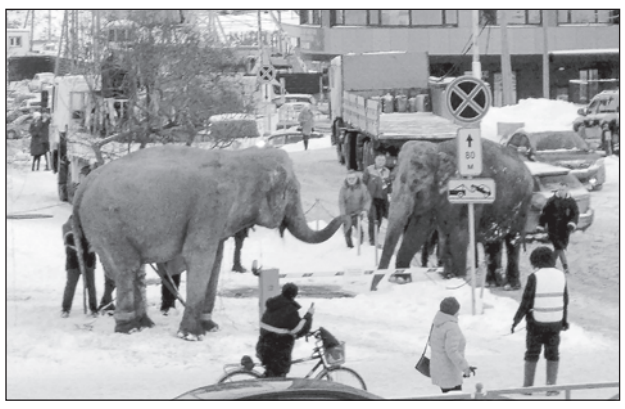

Anna Dubrovskaya

In this handout photo provided by Anna Dubrovskaya, in Yekaterinburg, Russia, on Thursday. When circus troupe tried to load the animals into a truck to head to the next destination, they resisted and walked away.

Daniil Romanov

An elephant crosses the street in Yekaterinburg, Russia, on Friday.

Two elephants escape from circus in Russian city

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia is said to be the place where bears roam the streets – but for a short while it was a free-for-all for elephants.

Residents of Yekaterinburg were flabbergasted to see a couple of elephants wandering the snowy streets of Russia's third-largest city after they escaped from a circus.

Unreceptive to attempts to bring her back, one of the female elephants crossed a busy street and headed to a residential building to roll and cavort in the snow on Thursday. One man who tried to stop her by holding on to her trunk was pushed across the street, his feet sliding on the ice.

The local circus said the two elephants – Karla and Ranni – belonged to an Italian company that ran a show in Yekaterinburg during the New Year holidays.

When its troupe tried to load the animals into a truck to head to the next destination, they resisted and walked away. The circus said that Ranni loitered near the loading point but the more adventurous Karla decided to make a tour of the city.

Handlers finally got a rope around one of the elephant's front legs, but it took a dozen people to pull her back. She reluctantly obeyed after playing in the snow.

Agents recover stolen copy of Columbus letter

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Federal agents in Delaware have recovered a more than 500-year-old copy of a letter penned by Christopher Columbus that vanished from an Italian library decades ago.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Delaware and Homeland Security investigators, who specialize in the recovery of stolen rare books and historic artifacts, announced the find on Wednesday. The letter is one of a few dozen authentic, reprinted copies of Columbus' original letter, which was handwritten in Spanish in April 1493 and almost immediately reprinted in Latin by the Rome printer Stephan Plannck.

It's the fourth such return in recent years after U.S. investigators, tipped off by a rare books expert, determined that several authentic copies of the Columbus letter had been stolen from libraries across Europe without library officials' knowledge. Investigators called this latest find – "Columbus Letter Plannck I," which tells of Columbus' discoveries in the Americas – the most rare of the four.

The letter, which is valued at up to $1.3 million, was found in the hands of a unidentified private collector and ordered returned to the Biblioteca Nazionale Marciana in Venice, Italy, the U.S. Attorney's office said. Federal investigators, working with the Italian Carabinieri Command for Protection of Cultural Heritage, determined that the collector was "acting in good faith" in buying the letter from a rare book dealer in the United States in 2003.

Plannck's first edition of the letter, which Columbus addressed just to King Ferdinand of Spain, is exceptionally rare, the U.S. Attorney's statement explained. Plannck also printed a second edition of a letter Columbus penned to both Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. They were published to spread the news of Columbus' discoveries in the 1400s.

The Venetian library acquired a copy of Plannck's first edition around 1875, and investigators think it was stolen from the library more than 100 years later, in the 1980s, the U.S. Attorney's office said. Unlike other thefts of Plannck's printed copies, this letter wasn't replaced with a forgery.

Investigators finally located the first edition last year. The buyer agreed to turn it over to authorities, and it will soon make its way home to the national library in Venice.

Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories.

If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Local News Editor Dale Brewer at 429-3797.

ST. JOSEPH – A story on page A1 in Thursday's paper incorrectly stated times for two meetings that residents who owe property taxes can meet with the Berrien County treasurer. The treasurer will be available from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Feb. 15 at the South County Courthouse in Niles and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Feb. 29 at Benton Township Hall.

OBITUARIES

Alison Heimsath

April 25, 1957 – Jan. 23, 2020

Alison's life began April 25, 1957, in Detroit. She grew up in Birmingham, Mich., and graduated from Groves High School. After high school, she continued her education at Western Michigan University, earning her bachelor's degree. While at WMU she met the love of her life, Robert Heimsath. She later went back to school to become a registered nurse. Alison loved being an emergency room and oncology nurse; her love for her profession created friendships with many of her oncology patients. As much as she loved being a nurse, Alison loved being a wife, mother and especially a grandmother. Upon retiring, she and Robert moved to Paw Paw to be able to spend every day with grandchildren.

Alison leaves behind a loving family to cherish her memory, which includes: her husband of 42 years, Robert Heimsath; three children, Ryan (Lisa) Heimsath, Rachel (Kevin) McAlvey and April (Elton) Oakley; 12 grandchildren: James, Isaac, Claire, Peter, Livi, MaryGrace, Adelyn, LilyAnna, Evaleigh, Eliana, Elisabeth and Annalise; two siblings, Julie (Mark) Brown and Trip (Morag) Brown; and many nieces and nephews.

Alison died Jan. 23, 2020. Her parents, Donald and Lynette (Ralya) Brown, precede Alison in death.

Friends may visit with Alison's family from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, at Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet, where funeral services will be celebrated at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28. Burial will follow in Riverview Cemetery in St. Joseph. Memorials may be made in Alison's memory to the American Cancer Society or MS Society. You are welcome to leave a message of comfort for Alison's family at hutchinsfuneral.com.

Robert 'Bob' Schultz

Nov. 11, 1940 – Jan. 16, 2020

Robert "Bob" Arthur Schultz of Chocowinity, N.C., formerly of Benton Harbor passed away suddenly on Jan. 16, 2020.

Born on Nov. 12, 1940, in Chicago, to Arthur and Helen Schultz. He was the oldest of five children. The family moved to Benton Harbor in 1951, where Bob was raised, and he later graduated from Kalamazoo College. This is where is met his future wife, Gena, whom he married in September of 1963. After graduation, Bob joined the U.S. Navy and started his 23-year career. His time in the Navy took Bob and his family to Italy, Connecticut, South Carolina, Massachusetts, California, Hawaii, Guam and Virginia.

While in the Navy, Bob served as a supply corps officer on the submarine USS Calhoun and the support ships USS Proteus and USS Shenandoah. He received his MBA with honors from Harvard Business School in 1972. Bob also worked at the Pentagon and in Crystal City, Md., in various financial and program office management roles for the Navy.

Bob retired from the Navy as a captain in 1986, and moved the family to Illinois when he accepted the job as treasurer at Illinois Power. He filled many roles while there, including CEO of a start-up company that took them to Salt Lake City and Champaign, Ill. Bob retired from Illinois Power in 1999, and filled the role of Interim Dean of the Business School at the University of Illinois until 2001.

In 2001, Bob and Gena packed their things and moved to Chocowinity, where they built their dream home and met many wonderful friends. Bob was never idle. He occupied his time playing golf, working in the yard with his dogs, enjoying his fishing boat and traveling extensively with Gena and his family – including trips to Germany and Africa. He volunteered much of his time and wisdom to SCORE, United Way, the Turnage Theater and the Cypress Landing community and golf course.

His is survived by his wife of 56 years, Gena; a daughter, Victoria Schultz (T.Ray) Phillips of Indianapolis, and their children, Thomas and Audrey; a son, Todd (Linda) Schultz of Knoxville, Tenn., and their children, Zachary, Alexandra, Scott, Stephen and Kelly; three sisters, Judy Jones and Kay (Gary) Schultz-Soper, both of Benton Harbor and Ann Baxter of Jackson, Mich.; and a brother, Kenneth Schultz of Coloma.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made directly to: United Way of Beaufort County, 113 East 15th St., Washington, NC 27889; Turnage Theater, 150 W. Main St., Washington, NC 27889; or Chocowinity EMS, 512 NC-33, Chocowinity, NC 27816.

Death notices

Richard Dawson Jr., 90, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 22, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Alison Heimsath, 62, of Paw Paw, formerly of St. Joseph died Jan. 23, 2020. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

John A. Keith, 88, of Baroda died Jan. 23, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Daryl C. Morris, 65, formerly of Niles died Jan. 24, 2020. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

Arlene M. Patti, 85, of St. Cloud, Fla., formerly of St. Joseph died Jan. 13, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Robert "Bob" Schultz, 79, of Chocowinity, N.C., formerly of Benton Harbor died Jan. 16, 2020. Washington Funeral & Cremation, Washington, N.C., (252) 975-4500.

Loismarie Edinger

Feb. 14, 1929 – Jan. 19, 2020

Loismarie Edinger, 90, of St. Joseph passed away Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at St. Joseph First United Methodist Church. Private burial will be at a later date. Family and friends may visit from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, at Starks and Menchinger Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan, Spectrum Health Lakeland Foundation or The Salvation Army of Benton Harbor. Those wishing to sign Loismarie's guest book or share a memory may do so online at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Loismarie was born in 1929 to Arthur Fredrick Watts and Lila Mae (Carpenter) Watts. Lois graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1946. On June 27, 1948, she married her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Charles R. Edinger. They had an undeniable love story for 67 years until Charles preceded her in death in 2015.

In 1949 Charles joined Roy Anderson as the sole employee of Anderson Building Materials. In 1962, Charles and Lois purchased Anderson Building Materials and together they grew the company. Eventually both of their sons and grandson joined the business. After Charles's death, Lois became the CEO of Anderson Building Materials and served in that position until her passing.

In her earlier years, Lois worked at Mercy Hospital as a lab technician. With two young sons, Lois decided to stay at home to raise them. She enjoyed being a den mother for the Cub Scouts, a member of the Mercy Memorial Auxiliary, PTA and the Benton Harbor Band Association. She and Charles were longtime members of Methodist Peace Temple and later transitioned to St. Joseph First United Methodist Church.

Lois was a very strong and independent woman who loved her family unconditionally. Her family was her pride and joy and she was an amazing wife, mother and behind-the-scenes business partner. Her legacy will live on through her teachings of how to raise a family and how to live your life. She showed us by example what it meant to be a good parent and loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Charles and Lois enjoyed their annual trips to Hawaii and many cruises with friends. But their happiest place on Earth was Disney World. They enjoyed spending time wandering the parks and they shared that joy with their family.

Lois is survived by her sons, Greg (Marian) Edinger of St. Joseph and Jack (Cathy) Edinger of St. Joseph; grandchildren: Ryan (Carly) Edinger of St. Joseph, Kristin (Michael) Ritter of Okemos, Michelle (Kyle) Karnes of Byron Center and Jaclyn (Cody) Froehlich of Grand Rapids; great-grandchildren: Owen and Evie Ritter, Luke and Julia Edinger and Olivia Karnes; extended grandchildren: Lisa (Lars) Borre-Olson, Mathew (Lauren) Borre of St. Joseph and Kathryn Borre of Denver; extended great-grandchildren: Cody, Annalise and Sophia Olson and Landen, Layla and Mathew Borre.

Lois was preceded in death by her loving husband, her parents and her brother, Jack Watts.

We would like to thank the caring doctors and nurses at Lakeland Medical Center and the wonderful staff at Pine Ridge for the great medical care they provided.

Loismarie was a very classy lady and will be sorely missed, but she will live forever in our hearts.

Elsie Mildred (Horak) Zabel

April 30, 1933 – Jan. 17, 2020

Elsie Mildred (Horak) Zabel, 86, of Three Oaks passed away Jan. 17, 2020, at her residence.

Arrangements are entrusted to Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, 926-9440. Memorial contributions may be made in Elsie's name to Caring Circle Hospice, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, MI 49085. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.purelycremations.org.

Elsie was born April 30, 1933, in Three Oaks, to John and Anna (Kriz) Horak. After graduating from high school, she married the love of her life, Richard Zabel, on Nov. 17, 1951, in Three Oaks. Together they enjoyed 68 years of marriage and raised two daughters. Elsie worked as a controller at Fifth/Third Bank (formerly known as Bank of Three Oaks) for over 22 years before retiring. She was also a member of the Three Oaks United Methodist Church. Elsie loved to plan and cook meals for her family, attend River Valley basketball games and play all types of card games with her husband and friends.

Elsie is survived by her husband, Richard; daughters, Roxann (Jim) McGuigan of Three Oaks and Rhonda (Wayne) Giggy of La Porte, Ind.; grandsons: Ryan (Kandie) Ehlert, Nathan (Erin) Ehlert, Christopher (Wendy) Blackwell, David (Grace) Blackwell and Zachery (Christina) Blackwell; 12 great-grandchildren (with number 13 expected to arrive soon); and several nieces and nephews.

Elsie was preceded by her parents; sisters, Margaret Jelinek and Rose Waldo; and brother, Joseph Horak.

Arlene M. Patti

Dec. 19, 1934 – Jan. 13, 2020

Arlene M. Patti, 85, of St. Cloud, Fla., formerly of St. Joseph passed away on Jan. 13, 2020, with her two daughters by her side.

Arlene was born in Morton Grove, Ill., on Dec. 19, 1934, to John and Mathilda (Schoenbeck) Conrad. She graduated from St. John's Catholic School in Benton Harbor and went on to receive a nursing degree from Holy Cross School of Nursing in 1955. She retired as the director of surgery at Lakeland Hospital after a 37-year career to spend time with the love of her life, Joseph Patti, whom she married in 1956. She was a devoted nurse, an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister. She left an imprint on so many lives.

Arlene found joy in her lifelong friends and family. Providing for her family was paramount. She could not leave a room without her presence being noticed. Arlene never met a stranger that she didn't strike up a conversation with. She loved playing cards and loved to cook. Arlene always made enough food to feed an army. At her previous residence, she was the president of the Ladies and Gents Club. For many years she and her husband were in charge of the spaghetti dinners that many flocked from all over the area to enjoy. She belonged to the Red Hat Society for many years and loved sharing life with her lady friends.

Arlene is survived by her two beloved daughters, Karin (Phil) Collins of St. Cloud and Laura Pacheco of Camarillo, Calif.; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two brothers, John Conrad and Edward Conrad; and many others who loved her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Patti; her parents; her brother, Ray Conrad; her two sisters, Frances Arend and Rosemary Conrad; and a great-grandson, Alexander Cole DeLeeuw.

The family would like to thank all the caregivers at Cornerstone Hospice for their wonderful care – especially June, Trisha, Chaplain Clark and Gabriel.

Arlene will be cremated and Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated this summer to be decided at a later date in Michigan. Those wishing to sign Arlene's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

hp BUSINESS

Viking cruise ship headed for Great Lakes

By LORI RACKL
Chicago Tribune

A big player in the cruise industry is diving into the Great Lakes market.

Switzerland-based Viking, which built its name plying the rivers of Europe, is extending its reach into North America in 2022 with voyages exploring the largest surface of fresh water in the world.

The announcement was made last week at an event in Beverly Hills, Calif., where Viking founder and chairman Torstein Hagen rolled out details about the cruise line's upcoming "expedition" voyages. These include trips to far-flung locales such as Antarctica and the Arctic, as previously reported, as well as newly revealed itineraries in the closer-to-home Great Lakes – an increasingly popular cruise destination.

"We began as Viking River Cruises; then we evolved into Viking Cruises with the addition of ocean cruises," Hagen said in a written statement announcing the news. "Today we stand singularly as Viking, offering destination-focused voyages on more than 20 rivers, five oceans and five Great Lakes, visiting 403 ports in 95 countries and on all seven continents."

The company is in the process of building two ships specifically tailored to expedition-style cruising.

The first vessel, Viking Octantis, is scheduled to make its maiden voyage in January 2022. It will be assigned to the Great Lakes and Antarctica.

Viking / TNS

A rendering shows Viking's new expedition ship. Two of the vessels are under construction in Norway, and one of them will be dispatched to the Great Lakes.

Its sister ship, Viking Polaris, is slated to come on board later that year, in August. Polaris will sail in the waters around Antarctica and the Arctic.

Both ships have capacity to hold 378 guests in 189 staterooms. The vessels are designed to be small and nimble enough to navigate remote polar areas and the St. Lawrence River, but big enough to handle potentially rough waters and not sacrifice passenger comfort.

The cruise line's initial Great Lakes offerings don't include Chicago as a port of call. But most of the itineraries allow customers to tack on a two-night trip in the city as a pre- or post-cruise option for an additional charge.

Viking has four types of Great Lakes cruises in 2022:

■ Undiscovered Great Lakes is an eight-day voyage from Thunder Bay, Ontario, to Milwaukee, with a passage between Lake Superior and Lake Huron via the Soo Locks. Passengers visit the Apostle Islands in Wisconsin and Michigan's car-free Mackinac Island, among other stops. Trips run between May and September. Pricing starts at $6,695 per person.

■ Great Lakes Explorer travels from Milwaukee to Thunder Bay over eight days. It has some of the same ports as Undiscovered Great Lakes. But this one also spends time in Canada's Georgian Bay, often referred to as the sixth Great Lake, where passengers can opt to kayak around some of the bay's 30,000-plus islands. Sailing dates between May and September; starting at $6,495.

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Stacey Wescott / Chicago Tribune / TNS

Maggie Calder holds the hand of her 1-year-old son, Declan Calder, as they shop the aisles at Aldi in Downers Grove, Ill.

How Aldi is giving those fancy grocery stores a run for their money

By ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

For years, Amber Walker held a dim view of Aldi, the discount grocer whose U.S. headquarters sit just a mile from her home in Batavia, Ill.

She associated it with dented 10-cent cans and no-name brands. She did not understand why, of all things, it also sold hammocks.

But Walker's negative perception swiftly changed after her first visit to Aldi in decades in 2016, when the chain started accepting credit cards, and she found not the dingy floors from her childhood memories but a budget Shangri-La.

She could buy a week's worth of groceries for her family of four for less than $100, and discover treasures in an aisle dedicated to random rotating items that "I don't need but can't live without."

Manager Rachael Campo checks out a customer and loads their food into a cart at the register at Aldi in Downers Grove, Ill.

Aldi, at least in Walker's eyes, got even better when it broadened its limited selection to include more fresh, organic and high-end products – still at steep discounts – while undergoing an aggressive national expansion and chain-wide remodeling blitz. Walker's store in Batavia, renovated in 2017, even got a bakery.

As a spruced-up Aldi climbs toward its goal of having 2,500 stores by 2022 – which would make it the third-largest grocer in the nation by store count – converts like Walker are putting aside old perceptions of the brand and embracing the no-frills ethos that allows Aldi to sell quality products for cheap.

Though behemoths like Walmart and Kroger dominate the market, analysts say the companies are watching their backs as the German-born chain reshapes expectations of the shopping experience.

"I'm always shocked at what I can get for the cost," said Walker, 37, an animal trainer who previously did her regular shopping at Walmart, Meijer, Costco and Super Target. "Aldi gets my business first, and then I will fill in holes elsewhere."

Known for cost-saving measures such as requiring customers to bag their own groceries and pay a quarter deposit to access a grocery cart, Aldi says its customer base has swelled as it modernizes its digs and broadens its selection to include items like fresh salmon, organic strawberries and artisan cheeses.

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Lemon Creek wins big in wine competition

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Lemon Creek Winery found success on the west coast in January.

The Berrien Springs winery was awarded double gold medals for its 2017 Petit Verdot and 2017 Cabernet Franc in the 2020 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition earlier this month.

The competition is the largest competition of American wines, with 7,000 entries from more than 30 states.

In addition to the two double gold awards, Lemon Creek also took home a gold for its 2017 Merlot Reserve and four silver medals for its 2017 Cabernet-Shiraz, 2017 Meritage, 2017 Shiraz and 2017 Carmenere.

"We knew going into the (2017) harvest that it was going to be special," Co-owner Jeff Lemon said in a news release. "With the level of consumer appreciation and now with the San Francisco wine competition validation, we feel these wines are the most noteworthy since the exceptional vintages of 2013. We are excited about the aging potential of these red varietals."

Photo provided

The 2017 Cabernet Franc from Lemon Creek Winery won a gold from the 2020 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition earlier this month.

The public can taste a few of these wine selections at

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BUSINESS PEOPLE

Engineer awarded for contributions to marina industry

ST. JOSEPH — Edgewater Resources project engineer Colin Hassenger was awarded the Young Leader Award by Marina Dock Age, a national business-to-business publication.

The award is given to those who are 40 years of age and under and have made significant contributions to the marina industry.

Hassenger has nearly a decade of engineering experience, specializing in marine engineering. His work spans survey field work, shoreline protection design, marina design and construction oversight.

Since joining Edgewater in 2011, Hassenger has been involved in hundreds of marina and waterfront projects. His work at the Port of Rochester in New York helped earn the marina project the 2016 Project of the Year Award by the American Public Works Association, New York Chapter.

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Tips for making small business blogging efforts manageable

According to Hubspot, B2B marketers who use blogs receive 67 percent more leads than those who do not.

Also noteworthy: companies who blog and provide relevant content, receive 97 percent more links to their websites due to others sharing it. That's a rather strong incentive to start and maintain a blog for your business, no?

Blogging is an important part of a small business content marketing strategy and can help you by:

■ Increasing your online authority, thereby building trust and credibility as readers see your expertise and knowledge of your industry.

■ Improving your chances of ranking better in online searches. Websites that generate new content regularly are favored over those that do not.

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Blogging, however, takes time, creativity and effort. In a 2016 study by Content Marketing Institute and Marketing Profs, 60 percent of B2B marketers said their biggest challenge was creating engaging content and 57 percent said they struggled most with producing content consistently.

As with any content-marketing effort, blogging requires consistency to provide results. If lack of topic ideas or time constraints have prevented you from maintaining your company blog, here are a few ideas for making those obstacles less of an issue:

■ Look to your customers for ideas. What frequently asked questions do they ask about your products or services?

■ See what others in your industry are talking about. Why reinvent the wheel if you don't have to? Provided you don't copy their ideas, unique perspectives, or wording verbatim, you can address the same topic by providing your own take on the subject. (Note that including a mention and link to the blog that was your inspiration can generate goodwill – and it will likely result in that person/company sharing your post, too.)

■ Share a customer success story. Consider reaching out to your clients about being featured in posts like this one. Featuring how your products or services have helped a customer solve a problem demonstrates your effectiveness in a way that doesn't appear self-centered.

■ Capture ideas promptly in either a good old-fashioned notebook or in an app like Evernote. With so many other aspects of running your business on your mind, you might forget those amazingly brilliant topic ideas as quickly as you thought of them. Write them down immediately.

■ Schedule time on your calendar to work on your blog posts. If you make your blog a part of your professional routine, you'll be more likely to stay on track.

■ If you have an employee who is adept at writing, consider delegating the blog responsibilities to that team member. Or consider contracting a freelance writer who will ghostwrite your blog posts for you.

■ To save time writing, use a speech-to-text app or the feature in Gmail on your mobile device to dictate an initial draft that you can go back and edit later.

While these tips won't make blogging effortless, they will hopefully help you in your efforts to generate ideas and gain efficiency.

For more guidance about blogging and content marketing, consider contacting your local SCORE chapter. SCORE mentors bring expertise and experience in all aspects of starting and growing a business.

Call the local branch at 269-925-6100 or visit www.swmi.score.org to request SCORE help with your business.

Tax season 2020: Here's where you can get your tax return prepared for free

Michelle Singletary

TurboTax has launched a humorous commercial to drum up business for its do-it-yourself software.

In the ad, a guy is riding a mechanical bull – standing up. A young student at a science fair builds an impressive exploding mega volcano. An astronaut easily brushes his teeth – in zero gravity. An artist uses a chainsaw to create an incredible sculpture.

"In fact, people are always doing impressive things," the woman in the voiceover says. "So how come all these people who do wildly challenging things every day feel like they can't do their taxes?"

For the 2020 tax season, the Intuit company, which produces TurboTax, wants us to believe that "all people are tax people."

Whether you're confident enough to do your taxes yourself or not, check the following resources to see if you qualify to get your taxes prepared for free.

United Way: The nonprofit offers MyFreeTaxes.com in partnership with H&R Block. You can file both your federal and state returns for free. For the first time this year, there is no income limit. MyFreeTaxes will be offering filing support via phone and online chats in English and Spanish.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA): This IRS-run program offers free tax preparation to folks who make $56,000 or less, those who are disabled, or taxpayers who speak limited or no English.

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE): Despite the title, assistance is offered to low- and moderate-income taxpayers, not just the elderly. TCE specializes in addressing retirement and pension-related issues.

To find a VITA or TCE site near you, call 800-906-9887. You can also look for a site near you at irs.gov. Search for "Find a Location for Free Tax Help." Most sites don't open until around the end of January.

At some locations, you can prepare your own basic federal and state tax return for free using tax-preparation software. An IRS-certified volunteer can help guide you through the process, but this service is only available at locations that say "Self-Prep."

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide: A majority of the TCE sites are operated by this program. Volunteers are trained and are IRS-certified each year to ensure they understand the latest tax-code changes. There's no age requirement to get tax assistance. To locate the nearest Tax-Aide site, go to aarp.org/findtaxhelp or call 888-227-7669. The majority of the sites will open on or around Feb. 1.

MilTax: The Defense Department through Military OneSource offers free e-filing software to service members and their families, allowing them to file their federal and state tax forms. MilTax consultants are also available for in-person support at VITA locations.

MilTax provides assistance for tax situations that are specific to military life, such as reporting deployment and combat pay. Go to MilitaryOneSource.mil or call 800-342-9647 for more information.

IRS Free File: This is a partnership between the agency and the Free File Alliance, a group of private preparers who have agreed to make their federal tax-return products available free to taxpayers whose adjusted gross income was $69,000 or less in 2019. To search for companies offering Free File, go to irs.gov/freefile.

Before settling on one company, check to see if you can also file your state return for free. Some companies will prepare your state return and e-file it at no cost through partnerships with participating state programs.

If your income is more than $69,000, you can use the Free File Fillable Forms, which are the electronic versions of IRS paper forms. When using the free fill-in forms, keep in mind they don't come with the brand-name software assistance available through Free File.

New for tax season is an agreement between the IRS and companies participating in the Free File program that they won't steer taxpayers to commercial products that cost money. If you're searching for this program, be sure to look for language that says, "IRS Free File Program delivered by (company name or product name)."

You may see some free offerings from major tax-preparation companies, but before you use the service, doublecheck that you won't be charged.

Despite Intuit's confidence that everyone is a tax person, the reality is that even with the best preparation software, doing your own taxes can be as intimidating as riding a mechanical bull. So, take advantage of all the help you can get, especially if it's free.

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Ask the Fool

Hostile Maneuvers

Q Can you explain hostile takeovers? — *K.W., Walnut Creek, California*

A Sure. A hostile takeover is, as you might have guessed, when one company buys another — against its will. That's unlike the norm, when two companies agree to merge and share information and planning throughout the process.

Here's how a takeover can unfold: One company sees value in another and targets it for acquisition. (Companies whose share prices have fallen are extra-vulnerable to takeovers.) It makes an offer to purchase or merge with the target. If the target's management team supports the idea, they will recommend that shareholders approve it. The acquirer will typically pay shareholders in cash and/or shares of itself or the new company, sometimes even paying a premium above the target's going price.

If the target's management rejects the takeover proposal, the would-be acquirer may issue a "tender offer," offering to buy shares from shareholders at a premium price until it has enough shares to wield control. It might also set up a "proxy fight," urging shareholders to vote out certain members of the board of directors.

Xerox is currently attempting a hostile takeover of HP. Successful hostile takeovers in the past include Kraft Foods' acquisition of Cadbury and InBev's purchase of Anheuser-Busch.

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Q What's a money market fund? — *J.S., Blissfield, Michigan*

A Money market funds are investments that resemble money market accounts, but lack FDIC insurance. They're mutual funds that hold short-term, high-quality investments such as Treasury bills, short-term commercial debt and certificates of deposit (CDs). They're seen as fairly safe investments, and typically offer better interest rates than bank accounts, but generally don't grow quickly. Consider both money market funds and money market accounts for your short-term savings.

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A Strong Dollar Isn't Always Good

We're living in a period where the U.S. dollar is relatively strong as measured against other currencies. That certainly sounds like it can only be good for America, but in fact, there are both pros and cons to a strong local currency.

Consider, for starters, that many U.S. businesses generate much of their income abroad. Coca-Cola, as an example, generated more than half of its operating revenue outside of North America, according to its last annual report, while McDonald's reaped 64% of its revenue outside of the U.S. So these companies are not exchanging burgers and drinks only for U.S. dollars — they're also taking in baht, euros, francs, kroner, pesos, pounds, ringgits, riyals, rand, rubles, rupees, shekels, won, yen and yuan.

The exchange rate between any two currencies fluctuates over time. When a multinational company wants to convert non-U.S. revenue into U.S. dollars, the value it gets depends on the current exchange rate. If the other currency is weaker than the dollar, the company will receive fewer dollars for it; when the foreign currency is strong, the value converts into more dollars. Thus, a strong dollar hurts the financial performance of U.S. companies with significant operations abroad.

Some companies even cite adverse currency translation effects when they report disappointing results. Other companies protect themselves to some degree from these effects perhaps locking in exchange rates via contracts. A strong dollar can also hurt exports, as American goods will cost more for buyers with weaker currencies, and that can depress sales.

On the other hand, a strong dollar is great for Americans traveling abroad, as they'll get more local currency for their money. Imported goods can get cheaper for Americans, too. A strong dollar will also help American companies that buy a lot of products or services (such as raw materials or outsourced labor) abroad, as they can get more bang for their buck.

Investors may want to keep currency effects in mind, as they can have a significant impact on some companies' results. Including some international revenue in your portfolio can be a good defense against a weak dollar.

My Dumbest Investment

Exorbitant Fees

My dumbest investments were in two BlackRock mutual funds full of U.S. and international stocks (and some bonds). I learned never to pay such exorbitant fees and never to buy managed mutual funds. I lost money with these funds and got out a few months ago. Now I'm trying to break even slowly with stocks and index funds. — *F.M., online*

The Fool Responds: The performance of the funds you mentioned over the past decade wasn't spectacular: One fund slightly lagged its benchmark index, while the other one lagged it meaningfully.

On top of that, as you noted, both funds charged fees for those underwhelming returns. Their annual fees ("expense ratios"), at roughly 1% each, are actually not bad at all for managed funds. (Managed funds are run by staff who study and choose investments, while passively managed funds simply hold whatever is in the index they track.)

The problem is that each of those funds carries a 5.25% "load" (sales charge) for average investors — so when you buy shares in one, you immediately lose 5.25% of your investment. Most funds these days are no-load, which is preferable. Some managed funds do quite well, but they can be hard to find. Instead, just stick with low-fee index funds — many charge less than 0.25% annually — as they outperform most managed funds.

The Motley Fool Take

Take a Chance on Diabetes?

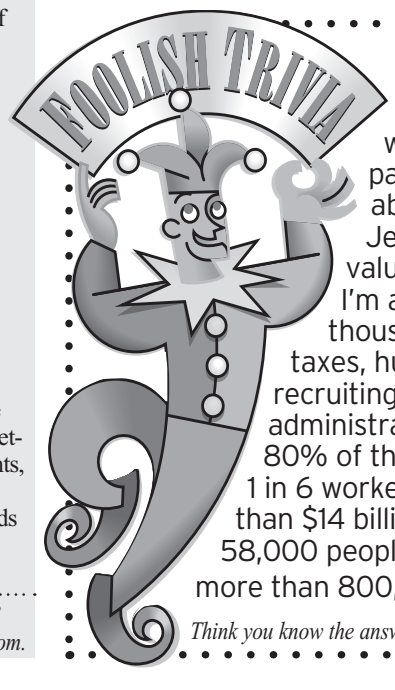
Roughly a third of all Americans have diabetes or prediabetes, and simply maintaining positive health habits is a substantial hurdle for many of them. That makes Livongo Health (Nasdaq: LVGO) a potential disruptor in this space, and presents a profit opportunity for patient investors with a tolerance for risk.

Data-driven Livongo markets a handful of wirelessly connected devices that have been shown to help diabetic and prediabetic patients by providing actionable tips to improve their health. For example, patients who test their glucose level with a Livongo-connected meter may then receive a message suggesting some exercise (if their glucose is high) or a snack (if it's low).

In just one year, Livongo's patient count more than doubled to nearly 208,000, with sales surging 148% to $46.7 million in the third quarter over the prior-year period..

Importantly, Livongo Health's platform is built on a subscriber model. Subscription-based business models hang on to customers better when economic "hiccups" occur, and they provide highly predictable revenue and cash flow that a company can use to plot out its growth strategy without producing operating losses.

It's worth noting that Livongo is still in the early stages of its growth and is currently unprofitable; it's promising, but not a sure thing. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Livongo Health.)



Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1949, when a 21-year-old started a payroll management company above an ice cream shop in New Jersey. Today, with a market value recently near $76 billion, I'm a payroll giant; I also assist thousands of companies with their taxes, human resources administration, recruiting, time management, benefits administration and more. I serve nearly 80% of the Fortune 500 companies and 1 in 6 workers in the U.S. I rake in more than $14 billion annually and employ around 58,000 people worldwide. My clients number more than 800,000. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to the 1971 opening of my first location in Seattle's Pike Place Market. A man who later became my CEO, impressed by Italian espresso bars in 1983, got the idea to build a similar coffeehouse. I served my first caffe latte the next year. By 1988, I offered full health benefits to both full-time and part-time workers. I'm still known for progressive policies. Today, I boast 31,000-plus locations in 80 global markets, and also serve tea, sandwiches and snacks. My name evokes the first mate in Moby Dick. My logo features a siren. Who am I? (Answer: Starbucks)

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Who should consider a Roth conversion now?

Liz Weston

If you've saved a lot for retirement, or your parents have, you could be affected by recent changes in the rules about retirement distributions.

The recently enacted Secure Act eliminated the "stretch IRA," a strategy used by affluent investors to pass tax-advantaged money to their heirs. The stretch IRA allowed nonspouse beneficiaries – typically children and grandchildren – to take money out of an inherited IRA gradually over their lifetimes. The new law requires most IRAs inherited by people other than spouses to be drained within 10 years, which can lead to much higher tax bills for heirs. (Spouses still have the option of treating an inherited IRA as their own and taking money out over their lifetimes.)

At the same time, the Secure Act delayed when required minimum distributions have to begin for most retirement account owners, increasing the age for mandatory distributions from 70 1/2 to 72.

Financial planners say the changes make Roth conversions more attractive for big savers – typically those with $1 million or more in their retirement accounts – who want to reduce future tax bills for themselves or their heirs.

"The percentage of our clients that do Roth conversions is going to increase dramatically this year," predicts certified financial planner Ryan P. Costello of Leawood, Kansas.

How Roth conversions work

A Roth conversion involves transferring money from a traditional IRA or other retirement plan to a Roth IRA. Conversions usually trigger an income tax bill that can be substantial.

Once the money is inside the Roth, though, future withdrawals are tax-free. In addition, there are no required minimum distributions that force owners to take money out at a certain age.

"What this means to the owner is potentially more efficient tax planning in retirement, more time for the account to keep growing and a larger nest egg to pass on," says certified financial planner David W. Mullins of Richlands, Virginia.

Still, it doesn't make a lot of sense to pay a big tax bill now if the money can be accessed at a lower rate later. That's the situation for most people since their tax brackets will drop once they retire and few have saved enough to leave much to their heirs. Another barrier to conversion is that people need to be able to pay the tax bill out of their current income or from non-retirement accounts. (Tapping the IRA money to pay the tax bill changes the math so much that conversions are rarely advisable.)

When conversions can be smart

Conversions can make sense if the IRA owner expects to be in the same or a higher tax bracket in retirement. Good candidates for Roth conversions tend to be diligent young savers who expect their incomes to climb over the years and older people whose tax bills could jump when they start taking required minimum distributions.

Conversions also can be smart if the money is intended for heirs whose tax bracket is likely to be at least as high as the account owner's. A retiree might not want to convert if the money will likely go to young grandchildren or other heirs in lower tax brackets, for example. But if money will be left to an heir in her peak earning years, conversion may be wise, especially now that inherited retirement accounts have to be drained within 10 years.

An ideal time for a Roth conversion can be after retirement but before required minimum distributions begin, financial planners say. Tax brackets often dip during this period, and the conversion can be spread over several years to better manage the tax bill. The higher age for required minimum distributions gives people more time to make these conversions.

Get good advice before converting

Getting advice from a skilled tax professional is essential, however. A too-large conversion can push people into higher tax brackets, cause more of their Social Security benefits to be taxed and increase their Medicare premiums. Certified financial planner Linda P. Erickson of Greensboro, North Carolina, recommends hiring a certified public accountant who can model how various conversion amounts are likely to affect current and future tax bills.

Tax rates can change, of course, as can tax laws. But the advantages of a conversion can be substantial enough to make it a gamble worth taking, says Henry Luong Hoang, a certified financial planner, of Newport Beach, California.

"As a hedge, if you have the ability to pay reasonable tax rates to convert your IRA today, there is a very low chance you will regret future tax-free distributions," Hoang says.

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Money&Markets Extra

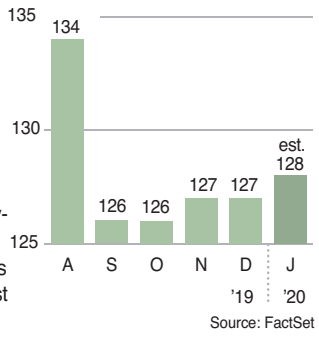
The Week Ahead

Eye on consumers

Economists project that a barometer of U.S. consumer confidence rebounded after declining last month.

They expect that the Conference Board's consumer confidence index rose to 128.4 this month, reflecting continued economic expansion and a national unemployment rate at historic lows. A reading of 90 or better reflects a healthy economy. The latest index is due out Tuesday.

Consumer confidence index
monthly change



Source: FactSet

The Fed speaks

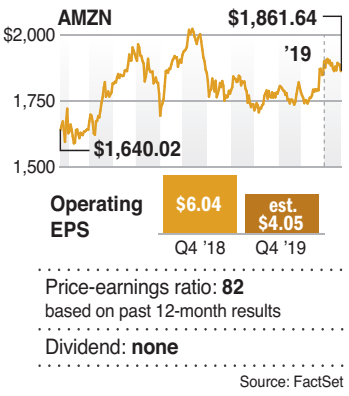
The Federal Reserve issues an interest rate and economic policy update Wednesday.

The central bank's policy-making committee saw much less risk of recession at its meeting last month, when it kept interest rates steady after three straight cuts. The officials also signaled that they expected to keep low rates unchanged this year to cushion the U.S. economy from slow global growth and U.S. trade conflicts.

Mixed results?

Wall Street expects that Amazon's latest quarterly report card will show mixed results.

Analysts predict the online retailer will report Thursday that its fourth-quarter earnings declined from a year earlier, even as revenue increased. Amazon's profits took a hit in the third quarter as it ramped up spending in a push to cut its package delivery time to one day instead of two.



Price-earnings ratio: **82**
based on past 12-month results

Dividend: **none**

Source: FactSet

Amer Elec Power AEP
$102.16 **+3.60 +3.7%**
▲ **4-wk.** +8.5% ▲ **YTD** +8.1%

Ford Motor F
$9.00 **-.16 -1.7%**
▼ **4-wk.** -3.8% ▼ **YTD** -3.2%

Whirlpool WHR
$149.42 **-3.21 -2.1%**
▲ **4-wk.** +2.4% ▲ **YTD** +1.3%

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STOCK	TICKER	52-WK LOW	52-WK HIGH	FRIDAY CLOSE	$CHG 1WK	%CHG 1WK	1MO	1QTR	%CHG YTD	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
AT&T Inc	T	28.92	39.70	**38.50**	**0.12**	0.3	▼	▲	-1.5	34.4	17	5.4
Amer Elec Power	AEP	76.30	101.03	**102.16**	**3.60**	3.7	▲	▲	8.1	34.5	26	2.7
Apple Inc	AAPL	151.70	319.99	**318.31**	**-0.42**	-0.1	▲	▲	8.4	109.2	29	1.0
AutoZone Inc	AZO	803.28	1274.41	**1140.23**	**-14.35**	-1.2	▼	▲	-4.3	39.6	20	...
BP PLC	BP	35.73	45.38	**38.13**	**-0.64**	-1.7	▲	▼	1.0	0.7	11	6.5
CMS Engy	CMS	50.08	67.12	**67.49**	**1.84**	2.8	▲	▲	7.4	33.6	41	2.4
CocaCola Co	KO	44.42	57.85	**57.68**	**0.74**	1.3	▲	▲	4.2	24.1	35	2.8
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	34.67	47.74	**44.59**	**-2.91**	-6.1	▼	▼	-0.8	38.1	21	2.1
Deere Co	DE	132.68	180.48	**170.12**	**-6.08**	-3.5	▼	▼	-1.8	9.7	17	1.8
Disney	DIS	107.32	153.41	**140.08**	**-4.25**	-2.9	▼	▲	-3.1	31.8	19	1.3
Dollar Tree Stores	DLTR	87.91	119.71	**87.71**	**-3.84**	-4.2	▼	▼	-6.7	-6.1	11	...
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	66.05	83.49	**66.32**	**-2.24**	-3.3	▼	▼	-5.0	-1.8	15	5.2
Fifth Third Bcp	FITB	24.17	31.64	**28.84**	**-0.61**	-2.1	▼	▼	-6.2	9.9	10	3.3
1st Source Corp	SRCE	41.88	53.42	**49.57**	**-1.56**	-3.1	▼	▼	-4.5	15.0	15	2.3
Ford Motor	F	8.16	10.56	**9.00**	**-0.16**	-1.7	▼	▲	-3.2	14.8	7	6.7
Gen Electric	GE	7.65	12.24	**11.71**	**-0.10**	-0.8	▲	▲	4.9	37.1	...	0.3
Home Depot	HD	177.41	239.31	**232.00**	**0.09**	0.0	▲	▼	6.2	34.6	23	2.3
Horizon Bcp IN	HBNC	15.21	19.48	**18.02**	**-0.55**	-3.0	▼	▼	-4.6	11.3	8	2.7
Huntgtn Bancshs	HBAN	12.15	15.63	**13.72**	**-0.99**	-6.7	▼	▼	-9.0	13.2	13	4.4
IDEX Corp	IEX	130.00	176.70	**172.14**	**-3.71**	-2.1	▼	▲	0.1	27.2	38	1.2
IBM	IBM	126.85	152.95	**140.56**	**2.25**	1.6	▲	▲	4.9	22.7	15	4.6
JPMorgan Chase	JPM	98.09	141.10	**133.15**	**-5.05**	-3.7	▼	▲	-4.5	36.1	14	2.4
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	126.10	150.17	**148.32**	**-0.85**	-0.6	▲	▲	1.7	18.0	25	2.6
Lowes Cos	LOW	91.60	123.14	**120.23**	**-1.58**	-1.3	▬	▲	0.4	35.5	27	1.8
McDonalds Corp	MCD	173.41	221.93	**211.24**	**-0.74**	-0.3	▲	▲	6.9	17.1	32	2.4
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	102.17	168.19	**165.04**	**-2.06**	-1.2	▲	▲	4.7	58.6	33	1.2
Miller Herman	MLHR	32.86	49.88	**40.88**	**-0.25**	-0.6	▼	▼	-1.8	23.1	18	2.1
Penney JC Co Inc	JCP	0.53	1.92	**.80**	**-0.05**	-6.1	▼	▼	-28.8	-34.4	...	...
Perrigo Co plc	PRGO	40.68	60.48	**58.76**	**-0.26**	-0.4	▲	▲	13.7	34.2	29	1.4
Pfizer Inc	PFE	33.97	44.56	**39.82**	**-0.69**	-1.7	▲	▲	1.6	-1.5	16	3.8
Procter & Gamble	PG	92.97	127.00	**125.14**	**-0.52**	-0.4	▼	▲	0.2	42.1	29	2.4
Republic Svcs	RSG	75.03	94.61	**94.64**	**1.18**	1.3	▲	▲	5.6	25.9	43	1.7
Steelcase Inc	SCS	14.45	23.02	**19.14**	**-0.20**	-1.0	▼	▲	-6.5	18.3	17	3.0
Stryker Corp	SYK	160.79	223.45	**214.23**	**2.06**	1.0	▲	▲	2.0	32.2	36	1.0
TCF Financial Corp	TCF	35.96	47.71	**44.24**	**-1.83**	-4.0	▼	▲	-5.5	8.4	13	3.2
Target Corp	TGT	69.07	130.24	**114.32**	**-2.60**	-2.2	▼	▲	-10.8	65.8	19	2.3
Tractor Supply	TSCO	82.62	114.25	**93.57**	**0.78**	0.8	▲	▼	0.1	5.5	25	1.5
UPS class B	UPS	92.65	125.31	**116.66**	**-1.94**	-1.6	▼	▲	-0.3	17.9	20	3.3
Verizon Comm	VZ	52.28	62.22	**60.28**	**0.15**	0.2	▼	▼	-1.8	10.4	15	4.1
WEC Energy Group	WEC	69.76	98.92	**98.96**	**2.54**	2.6	▲	▲	7.3	41.7	32	2.6
WalMart Strs	WMT	93.11	125.38	**114.37**	**-0.59**	-0.5	▼	▼	-3.8	21.3	66	1.9
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	49.03	74.95	**52.04**	**-2.37**	-4.4	▼	▼	-11.7	-22.9	9	3.5
Wendys Co	WEN	16.25	22.84	**22.09**	**0.40**	1.8	▼	▲	-0.5	34.1	24	2.2
Whirlpool	WHR	114.00	163.64	**149.42**	**-3.21**	-2.1	▲	▼	1.3	20.0	...	3.2
Worthington Inds	WOR	33.18	44.69	**38.14**	**-2.42**	-6.0	▼	▲	-9.6	8.0	15	2.5
XPO Logistics Inc	XPO	45.73	96.20	**91.84**	**-2.80**	-3.0	▲	▲	15.2	48.6	36	...

Notes on data: Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters.

StoryStocks

U.S. stocks tumbled Friday as fears spread about the outbreak of a new virus, sending the S&P 500 to its worst day since early October. Health care and financial stocks were the heaviest weights on the market, but losses were widespread. All but one of the 11 sectors that make up the S&P 500 index fell. Treasury yields fell as worries rose that the new virus initially found in China could ultimately hurt economic growth around the world.

Atlassian TEAM

Close: **$146.79 ▲14.15 or 10.6%**

The software company handily beat analysts' fiscal second-quarter earnings forecasts as subscription revenue surged.

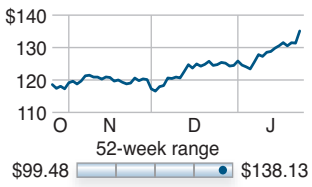
$92.42 $150.71

Vol.: **8.0m (5.8x avg.)** PE: **...**
Mkt. Cap: **$17.9 b** Yield: **...**

American Express AXP

Close: **$135.11 ▲3.74 or 2.9%**

The credit card issuer and global payments company beat Wall Street's fourth-quarter profit forecasts.



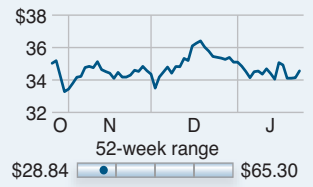
$99.48 $138.13

Vol.: **8.6m (3.1x avg.)** PE: **16.9**
Mkt. Cap: **$110.6 b** Yield: **1.3%**

First Financial Bankshares FFIN

Close: **$34.56 ▲0.42 or 1.2%**

The regional bank's fourth-quarter profit beat analysts' forecasts.



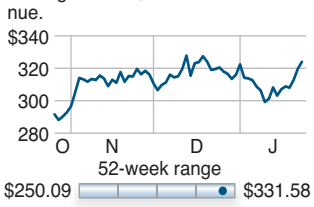
$28.84 $65.30

Vol.: **512.5k (1.5x avg.)** PE: **28.7**
Mkt. Cap: **$4.7 b** Yield: **1.4%**

Broadcom AVGO

Close: **$324.00 ▲4.35 or 1.4%**

The chipmaker will supply wireless components to Apple in deals that could generate $15 billion in revenue.



$250.09 $331.58

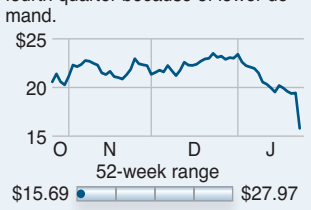
Vol.: **5.6m (2.4x avg.)** PE: **50.3**
Mkt. Cap: **$128.9 b** Yield: **4.0%**

SOURCE: FIS

Harsco HSC

Close: **$15.80 ▼-3.64 or -18.7%**

The environmental services company warned investors about a weak fourth quarter because of lower demand.



$15.69 $27.97

Vol.: **5.3m (8.8x avg.)** PE: **...**
Mkt. Cap: **$1.2 b** Yield: **...**

Intel INTC

Close: **$68.47 ▲5.15 or 8.1%**

The world's largest chipmaker blew past Wall Street's fourth-quarter earnings expectations and gave an upbeat profit forecast.

$42.86 $69.29

Vol.: **84.5m (4.4x avg.)** PE: **14.5**
Mkt. Cap: **$297.8 b** Yield: **1.8%**

AP

Company Spotlight: Chip in the clouds

Intel surged 8% after blowing past Wall Street's fourth-quarter profit forecasts.

The world's largest chipmaker also gave investors an upbeat forecast for the first quarter.

The company said "robust demand" from cloud-computing customers helped boost revenue at its Data Center Group by 19%.

"Several years ago, we began a transformation to reposition the company to take advantage of the data revolution that is reshaping computing,"said CEO Robert Homes Swan.

The company now gets more than half of its revenue from its data business, he said.

The Santa Clara, Calif.-based company said it expects profit of $1.30 per share in the current quarter, well above analysts' expectations. The solid forecast helped ease concerns that demand is being crimped as the U.S. and China remain in a trade war and global economic growth slows.

Intel (INTC)

52-WEEK RANGE $43 $69

Friday's close: **$68.47, +5.15**

Price-earnings ratio: **15**
(Based on past 12-month results)

Total return	1-yr	3-yrs*	5-yrs*
INTC	41.0%	25.3	16.7

Div. yield: 1.8% **Dividend:** $1.26

AP *annualized Source: FactSet

MutualFunds

FUND	NAV	WK CHG	12-MO %RTN
AB			
DiversMunicipal	14.71	+.02	+6.1
GlbBdAdv	8.57	+.05	+7.5
LgCpGrAdv	65.32	-.77	+30.1
AMG			
Yacktmanl	20.57	-.38	+14.5
Akre			
FocInstl d	47.82	+.02	+35.2
FocRetail m	46.61	+.01	+34.8
American Beacon			
SmCpValInstl	23.85	-.64	+10.5
American Century			
EqIncI	9.18	-.06	+20.0
EqIncInv	9.16	-.06	+19.7
GrInv	37.75	-.37	+31.3
UltraInv	54.51	-.42	+31.6
American Funds			
AMCpA m	34.38	-.37	+22.4
AmrcnBalA m	28.90	-.10	+17.2
AmrcnHiIncA m	10.10	-.05	+8.6
AmrcnMutA m	43.91	-.36	+18.4
BdfAmrcA m	13.22	+.08	+8.8
CptWldGrIncA m	52.90	-.55	+21.0
CptlIncBldrA m	63.77	-.36	+15.3
CptlWldBdA m	20.34	+.09	+7.3
EuroPacGrA m	55.96	-.88	+21.2
FdmtlInvsA m	63.03	-.65	+23.4
GlbBalA m	34.59	-.15	+14.8
GrfAmrcA m	52.72	-.41	+24.2
HiIncMuniBdA m	16.62	+.04	+10.2
IncAmrcA m	23.43	-.17	+16.5
IntlGrIncA m	36.23	-.66	+21.5
IntrmBdfAmrA m	13.51	+.04	+5.1
InvCAmrcA m	40.12	-.46	+21.4
NewWldA m	71.30	-1.27	+22.6
NwPrspctvA m	48.38	-.48	+26.4
SmCpWldA m	59.76	-.82	+24.7
TheNewEcoA m	47.07	-.41	+22.3
TxExBdA m	13.48	+.04	+8.3
WAMtInvsA m	48.76	-.46	+21.8
Angel Oak			
MltStratIncIns	11.07	+.02	+5.3
Artisan			
IntlInstl	34.00	-.08	+25.5
IntlValueInstl	37.08	-.38	+17.4
Baird			
AggrgateBdInstl	11.36	+.09	+10.4
CorPlusBdInstl	11.72	+.10	+10.8
InternmBdInstl	11.37	+.06	+7.7
ShrtTrmBdInstl	9.81	+.02	+4.8
Baron			
EmMktsInstl	14.92	-.47	+12.7
GrInstl	88.90	-.48	+35.8
BlackRock			
EqDivInstl	20.87	-.39	+21.5
EqDivInvA m	20.79	-.39	+21.2
GlbAllcInclnvA m	19.58	-.11	+16.3
GlbAllcInclnvA m	19.45	-.11	+15.9
HYBdInstl	7.76	-.04	+11.5
HYBdK	7.76	-.05	+11.6
LowDurBdInstl	9.66	+.01	+4.8
NtnlMnInstl	11.27	+.02	+8.8
StrIncOpIns	10.03	+.01	+8.0
StratMuOpIns	11.92	...	+8.0
TtlRetInstl	12.07	+.08	+10.4
Calamos			
MktNetrlIncIns	13.38	-.03	+5.5
Causeway			
IntlValInstl	15.41	-.25	+12.1
ClearBridge			
AggresivGrA m	178.16	-2.31	+18.9
ApprecA m	26.63	-.35	+27.5
LgCpGrI	56.38	-.73	+27.8
Cohen & Steers			
PrfrdScInc,Incl	14.50	+.06	+16.2
RlEsttSecInclns	18.11	+.14	+27.7
Columbia			
DivIncIns	24.74	-.17	+24.4
SlgCmsInfoA m	84.16	-.22	+49.1
DFA			
EMktCorEql	21.76	-.52	+10.3
EMktSCInstl	21.03	-.36	+10.7
EmMktsInstl	29.10	-.76	+10.0
EmMktsValInstl	28.20	-.76	+2.5
FvYrGlbFIIns	10.77	+.02	+4.0
GlbAllc6040Ins	19.03	-.15	+14.1
GlbEqInstl	24.98	-.37	+19.6
GlbRlEsttSec	12.06	+.08	+22.2
InflProtSecIns	12.20	+.08	+9.3
IntlCorEqIns	13.71	-.17	+14.2
IntlRlEsttScIns	5.04	+.01	+18.5
IntlSmCoInstl	18.67	-.21	+15.7
IntlSmCpValIns	18.82	-.29	+11.1
IntlValInstl	17.33	-.34	+6.8
ItmGovtFIIns	12.98	+.11	+8.9
LgCpIntlInstl	23.67	-.27	+16.1
OneYearFIInstl	10.31	...	+2.4
RlEsttSecInstl	42.17	+.39	+24.5
ShTrmExQtyI	10.84	+.01	+4.4
TAUSCorEq2Instl	20.35	-.31	+22.3
TAWexUSCrEqIns	11.13	-.19	+12.8
TMdUSEq	35.41	-.39	+26.1
TMdUSMktwdVl	32.20	-.53	+17.9
TMdUSTrgtedVal	34.77	-.97	+10.3
TwYrGlbFIIns	9.92	...	+2.8
USCorEq1Instl	26.21	-.37	+23.5
USCorEqIIInstl	23.87	-.37	+21.9
USLgCo	25.30	-.26	+27.1
USLgCpValInstl	38.39	-.64	+16.9
USMicroCpInstl	21.34	-.58	+9.6
USSmCpInstl	34.72	-.81	+11.0
USSmCpValInstl	33.43	-1.03	+4.6
USTrgtedValIns	22.63	-.68	+8.5
USVectorEqInstl	19.44	-.41	+16.0
Davis			
NYVentureA m	29.94	-.57	+22.3
Delaware Inv			
ValInstl	22.47	-.26	+14.8
Dodge & Cox			
Bal	101.89	-1.59	+14.7
GlbStk	12.63	-.34	+15.8
Inc	14.19	+.07	+10.0
IntlStk	43.01	-.95	+14.4
Stk	193.60	-5.06	+17.1
DoubleLine			
CorFII	11.21	+.07	+8.6
LowDurBdI	10.05	+.01	+4.5
TtlRetBdI	10.75	+.05	+6.9
TtlRetBdN b	10.75	+.06	+6.7
Eaton Vance			
AtlntCptSMIDCI	37.97	-.34	+29.1
FltngRtInstl	8.88	-.01	+5.3
Edgewood			
GrInstl	40.12	-.17	+30.3
FPA			
Crescent d	34.13	-.24	+14.9
NewInc	10.00	...	+3.9
Federated			
InsHYBdIns	9.92	-.06	+10.8
KaufmannR m	6.21	-.05	+29.5
StratValDivIns	5.75	-.05	+16.9
TtlRetBdInstl	11.17	+.05	+10.0
Fidelity			
500IdxInsPrm	114.38	-1.17	+27.2
AsstMgr20%	13.77	+.01	+10.0
AsstMgr50%	18.89	-.06	+16.0
AsstMgr70%	23.04	-.16	+19.2
BCGrowth	113.44	-.89	+32.2
BCGrowth	15.84	-.12	+32.2
BCGrowthK	113.70	-.90	+32.3
Balanced	25.14	-.15	+21.5
BalancedK	25.14	-.15	+21.6
Cap&Inc	10.28	-.09	+13.5
CmdtyStrat	4.56	-.14	-1.7
Contrafund	14.26	-.13	+27.0
ContrafundK	14.28	-.13	+27.1
CptlApprec	34.97	-.35	+26.3
DivGro	30.74	-.79	+21.2
DiversIntl	41.27	-.16	+27.3
DiversIntlK	41.18	-.16	+27.4
EmergMketsOpps	20.76	-.61	+22.4
EqDividendInc	25.50	-.57	+18.9
EqIncome	60.60	-1.03	+20.8
ExMktIdxInPr	66.12	-.85	+19.8
Fidelity	52.77	-.43	+32.2
FltngRtHiInc	9.51	-.02	+6.5
FourinOneIdx	49.73	-.39	+21.1
Frdm 2015	12.99	-.06	+13.9
Frdm 2020	16.35	-.10	+15.1
Frdm 2025	14.45	-.10	+16.2
Frdm 2030	17.99	-.16	+17.7
Frdm 2035	15.23	-.18	+19.4
Frdm 2040	10.68	-.15	+19.8
Frdm 2045	12.14	-.17	+19.9
Frdm 2050	12.23	-.16	+20.0
GNMA	11.57	+.02	+5.8
GlbexUSIdxInsPr	13.43	-.20	+16.0
GlobalexUSIdx	13.21	-.20	+15.9
GroCo	18.70	-.13	+36.3
GroCo	22.46	-.17	+34.9
GroCoK	22.50	-.16	+35.0
Growth&Inc	42.22	-.98	+22.7
HighIncome	8.93	-.05	+10.1
IntlDiscv	45.79	-.33	+24.4
IntlGr	17.96	-.10	+32.7
IntlIdxInstlPrm	43.08	-.42	+17.2
IntlVal	9.86	-.10	+14.3
IntrmMuniInc	10.75	+.03	+7.4
InvmGradeBd	11.70	+.07	+10.4
InvmGradeBd	8.28	+.05	+10.3
LargeCapValIdx	13.22	-.16	+19.9
LgCpValEnhIdx	13.72	-.18	+17.4
LowPrStk	49.83	-.61	+17.3
LowPrStkK	49.78	-.60	+17.4
Magellan	10.68	-.02	+29.0
MichiganMuniInc	12.60	+.03	+8.1
MidCapStock	36.27	-.33	+18.9
NasdCmpIdx	116.91	-.90	+33.0
NewMktsInc	15.17	-.01	+6.6
OTCPortfolio	13.35	-.15	+36.5
OTCPortfolioK	13.58	-.15	+36.7
Overseas	52.54	-.11	+25.1
Puritan	23.24	-.18	+18.9
PuritanK	23.22	-.18	+19.0
RealEstInv	46.44	+.47	+22.0
ShTrmBd	8.72	+.02	+4.3
SmCpOpps	14.03	-.26	+20.9
StkSelorAllCp	48.90	-.56	+26.6
TaxFreeBond	12.07	+.03	+9.8
TotalBond	11.03	+.06	+10.1
TtlMktIdxInsPrm	92.41	-.98	+26.0
USBdIdxInsPrm	12.05	+.08	+9.6
Value	10.96	-.23	+19.5
Fidelity Advisor			
NewInsA m	33.03	-.36	+24.2
NewInsI	33.89	-.37	+24.6
StgInc	12.54	-.01	+9.3
StgIncI	12.54	-.01	+9.1
TotalBondI	11.01	+.06	+10.1
Fidelity Select			
Biotechnology	21.36	-1.09	+19.1
HealthCare	28.89	-.48	+23.7
ITServices	80.60	+.31	+39.2
MedTech&Devcs	61.77	-.12	+25.6
Semicon	13.11	+.09	+56.7
Swre&ITSvcs	21.10	-.02	+39.1
Technology	21.14	-.05	+53.5
First Eagle			
GlbA m	57.72	-.59	+14.3
Franklin Templeton			
CATxFrIncA1 m	7.77	+.03	+11.1
DynaTechA m	93.90	-.07	+35.8
FdrTFIncA1 m	12.13	+.03	+8.1
GlbBdA m	10.64	+.02	-2.1
GlbBdAdv	10.59	+.02	-1.9
GlbBdR6	10.59	+.02	-1.8
Gr,IncA m	22.44	-.30	+7.9
GrA m	116.47	-.66	+29.4
IncA1 m	2.34	-.02	+10.6
IncAdv	2.32	-.02	+10.8
IncC m	2.38	-.01	+10.3
MutGlbDiscvA m	30.36	-.63	+18.9
MutGlbDiscvZ	31.04	-.64	+18.1
MutZ	27.55	-.56	+17.2
RisingDivsA m	70.81	-.67	+26.5
GE			
RSPUSEq	58.49	-.74	+27.7
Harbor			
CptlApprecInstl	79.98	-.43	+31.5
Harding Loevner			
EmMktsAdv d	60.07	-1.53	+19.8
IntlEqInstl d	24.13	-.21	+21.1
Hartford			
CptlApprecA m	38.25	-.36	+25.8
MidCpI	32.52	-.18	+25.3
INVESCO			
ComStkA m	24.64	-.68	+14.7
CptlAprcA m	57.52	-.68	+31.1
DevMktsA m	46.13	-1.72	+17.3
DevMktsY	45.41	-1.69	+17.6
DiversDivA m	20.79	-.17	+19.8
EqandIncA m	10.30	-.14	+13.9
GlbA m	98.48	-1.17	+26.5
HYMuniA m	10.45	+.03	+11.5
IntlGrY	45.20	-.06	+25.3
MnStrA m	49.08	-.63	+26.7
MnsA m	17.05	+.07	+14.4
SciAndTechA m	74.67	-1.19	+44.7
JPMorgan			
CPBondR6	8.57	+.06	+9.7
CoreBondI	12.00	+.09	+9.7
CoreBondR6	12.02	+.10	+9.8
EqIncI	19.50	-.27	+21.8
HighYieldR6	7.29	-.03	+9.9
LCapGrI	42.74	-.31	+35.6
MCapValI	39.53	-.56	+17.5
Janus Henderson			
BalancedT	37.59	-.16	+22.4
EnterpriseT	145.05	-.84	+31.7
Jensen			
QualGrl	52.81	-.55	+26.5
John Hancock			
BdR6	16.31	+.09	+10.9
DiscpValI	20.57	-.43	+15.3
DiscpValMCI	22.30	-.33	+20.9
DiscpValR6	20.61	-.42	+15.5
IntlGrI	30.46	-.49	+25.8
MltMgLsBlA b	14.25	-.10	+15.5
MltmgrLsGr1 b	14.46	-.17	+17.6
Lazard			
EMEqInstl	18.41	-.30	+9.4
GlbLtdInfrsIns	16.45	+.15	+21.7
IntlStratEqIns	15.55	-.17	+17.6
Loomis Sayles			
BdInstl	13.88	-.03	+9.1
GrY	18.79	-.37	+27.8
Lord Abbett			
AffiliatedA m	15.66	-.28	+19.1
BdDebA m	8.19	-.01	+11.9
BdDebF b	8.18	-.01	+12.0
ShrtDurIncA m	4.22	...	+5.4
ShrtDurIncC m	4.25	+.01	+4.7
ShrtDurIncF b	4.22	+.01	+5.5
ShrtDurIncI	4.22	+.01	+5.6
MFS			
GrA m	124.89	-.66	+35.7
GrI	133.53	-.70	+36.0
InstlIntlEq	28.16	-.29	+25.4
MAInvsGrStkA m	33.89	-.40	+36.7
MAInvsTrustA m	33.49	-.45	+27.6
TtlRetA m	20.19	-.12	+17.3
ValA m	44.77	-.56	+24.0
ValI	45.03	-.57	+24.2
Mairs & Power			
GrInv	128.77	-1.70	+24.4
MassMutual			
SelectMdCpGrI	24.19	-.27	+25.5
Metropolitan West			
TtlRetBdI	11.06	+.08	+9.9
TtlRetBdM b	11.06	+.08	+9.7
TtlRetBdPlan	10.40	+.07	+10.0
Neuberger Berman			
GenesisR6	59.63	-.59	+23.4
Northern			
IntlEqIdx d	12.76	-.13	+17.1
StkIdx	37.84	-.39	+27.1
Nuveen			
HYMuniBdA m	18.32	+.08	+14.0
HYMuniBdI	18.32	+.07	+14.3
IntermDrMnBdI	9.61	+.03	+8.2
LtdTrmMnBdI	11.28	+.03	+5.7
Oakmark			
EqAndIncInv	29.25	-.46	+12.4
IntlInv	24.14	-.66	+12.7
Inv	80.10	-1.83	+17.0
Old Westbury			
GlbSmMdCpStrat	15.70	-.15	+18.1
LgCpStrats	15.34	-.17	+21.4
Osterweis			
StrInc	10.90	-.01	+3.7
PGIM Investments			
HighYieldZ	5.57	-.03	+12.2
TtlRetBdA m	14.66	+.13	+11.6
TtlRetBdZ	14.60	+.12	+11.9
PIMCO			
AllAstInstl	11.91	-.06	+9.4
HYInstl	9.03	-.04	+11.1
IBdUSDHI	10.79	+.05	+7.2
IncA m	12.09	...	+7.4
IncC m	12.09	...	+6.6
Incl2	12.09	...	+7.7
IncInstl	12.09	...	+7.8
InvtGrdCdtBdI	11.09	+.08	+15.1
InvtGrdCdtBdI-2	11.09	+.08	+15.0
LowDrInstl	9.83	+.03	+4.5
MortgOpps&BdI	10.88	+.01	+5.3
RlRetInstl	11.38	+.08	+9.4
ShrtTrmIns	9.77	+.01	+2.7
TtlRetA m	10.47	+.08	+9.0
TtlRetIns	10.47	+.08	+9.3
PRIMECAP Odyssey			
AgrsGr	45.87	-1.05	+15.9
Gr	41.43	-.93	+17.0
Stk	34.54	-.79	+20.3
Parnassus			
CorEqInv	47.97	-.48	+28.1
Pioneer			
A m	30.16	-.23	+28.3
Principal			
LCpSP500IdxIs	20.06	-.20	+27.0
Putnam

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RELATIVELY SMALL COIN
Switzerland has minted a gold coin so small you'd need to look very closely to see Albert Einstein sticking out his tongue at you. State-owned Swissmint said Thursday that the 2.96-millimeter (0.12-inches) gold coin is the smallest in the world. It weighs 0.063 grams (1/500th of an ounce) and has a nominal value of 1/4 Swiss francs ($0.26). Swissmint said the coin, of which just 999 have been made, will be sold for 199 francs. It will include a special magnifying glass so owners can see the famous physicist on its face.

NOT QUITE A CASINO
The navigation app Waze turned out to be a losing bet recently for some Atlantic City-bound motorists. The app misdirected motorists headed to the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa into the wilderness of New Jersey's Pine Barrens, police said. The problem stems from an orange ad logo in the Waze app. The address on the ad is correct, police said, but the location pinned with the ad is actually in the Colliers Mills wildlife area, about 45 miles away from the Borgata. The wildlife area is comprised of more than 12,000 acres and officers had to help motorists stuck on unpaved roads.

MILLER TIME IS OVER
Miller Park, home of The Milwaukee Brewers, will trade suds for insurance after the next baseball season ends. The ballpark will be renamed "American Family Field" as American Family Insurance takes over a naming rights deal. A new logo and other branding elements will be revealed later this year. The Brewers a year ago announced the 15-year naming rights deal with American Family, but the name of the ballpark was not known until now. The Madison-based company is the top insurer of homes and vehicles in Wisconsin. MillerCoors showed little or no interest in extending the naming rights after their 20-year deal expired.

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Quotable

"Right now, our response is very much a work in progress."

— Sen. **Richard Blumenthal**, D-Conn, after discussions with federal health officials regarding precautions being taken against the spread of a deadly virus that has killed more than two dozen people in China.

The show goes on at Netflix

Netflix is holding its ground in the streaming wars, thanks in part to Jimmy Hoffa and a crumbling marriage.

The company added 8.8 million worldwide subscribers during the last three months of 2019, surpassing expectations at a time when it faces heated competition. It was its first earnings report since Apple and Disney launched rival services.

Netflix — a pioneer in producing streaming media and binge-worthy shows — now boasts more than 167 million subscribers worldwide, bolstered by several well-received movies and shows released late last year. That includes Oscar nominees "The Irishman" and "Marriage Story."

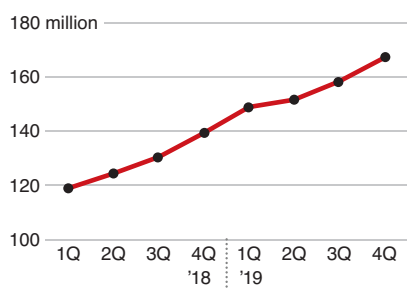
Netflix added a record number of subscribers in the first quarter of 2019, then missed targets for the next two before rebounding in the fourth quarter.

"This was a good end to a roller-coaster year," said Paolo Pescatore, an analyst with PP Foresight. "The road ahead will get bumpy for sure."

Netflix said it expects to add 7 million subscribers during the first three months of 2020, below the 9.6 million in the same period a year ago.

New subscribers
Netflix added 8.8 million worldwide subscribers during the last three months of 2019.

Netflix subscribers worldwide by quarter*



Source: Netflix *Figures reflect subscribers at the end of each quarter Barbara Ortutay; Alex Nieves • AP

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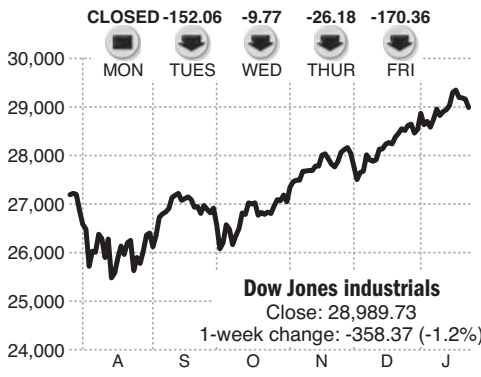
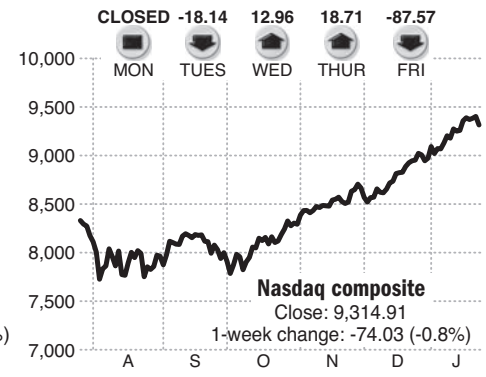




WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	MO	QTR	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
29373.62	24244.31	Dow Jones industrial average	29341.21	28843.31	28989.73	-358.37	-1.2	▲	▲	+1.6	+17.2
11359.49	9635.28	Dow Jones transportation	11252.77	10872.07	11059.84	-219.01	-1.9	▲	▲	+1.5	+11.5
934.46	701.47	Dow Jones utilities	934.46	906.34	931.94	+23.64	+2.6	▲	▲	+6.0	+31.6
14183.26	11926.81	NYSE Comp.	14168.20	13920.57	13978.47	-204.73	-1.4	▲	▲	+0.5	+15.3
5914.74	5127.21	NYSE International	5886.61	5792.52	5812.54	-101.51	-1.7	▼	▲	-0.3	+11.5
9272.37	6584.50	Nasdaq 100	9272.37	9101.44	9141.47	-32.27	-0.4	▲	▲	+4.7	+34.7
9451.43	6953.23	Nasdaq Comp.	9451.43	9273.23	9314.91	-74.03	-0.8	▲	▲	+3.8	+30.0
3337.77	2612.86	S&P 500	3337.77	3281.53	3295.47	-34.15	-1.0	▲	▲	+2.0	+23.7
2106.30	1772.40	S&P MidCap	2094.71	2054.38	2065.15	-30.40	-1.5	▲	▲	+0.1	+13.6
34000.41	27001.88	Wilshire 5000	34000.41	33390.89	33539.55	-377.83	-1.1	▲	▲	+2.0	+21.6
1715.08	1444.97	Russell 2000	1695.45	1653.19	1662.23	-37.40	-2.2	▼	▲	-0.4	+12.1
425.36	352.97	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	425.36	419.37	423.64	-0.92	-0.2	▲	▲	+1.9	+18.4
7727.49	6734.00	FTSE 100	7651.44	7503.17	7585.98	-88.58	-1.2	▼	▲	+0.6	+11.4

Weekly Gainers ($2 or more)

STOCK	LAST	WK CHG	WK %CHG
NanoViric	8.45	+5.09	+151.5
TrnWEnt rs	5.27	+2.91	+123.3
CSS Inds	9.35	+4.66	+99.4
AldHlPrd	2.90	+1.30	+81.6
AlphaPro	6.00	+2.50	+71.4
TrilliumTh	4.51	+1.84	+68.7
KaleidoB n	7.61	+2.69	+54.7
Soligenix h	2.96	+.87	+41.6
Cel-Sci	13.96	+3.93	+39.2
EveloBio	6.01	+1.67	+38.5

Weekly Losers ($2 or more)

STOCK	LAST	WK CHG	WK %CHG
SundEng rs	11.17	-4.55	-28.9
GasLogPt	11.15	-4.24	-27.6
YRC Wwde	2.21	-.84	-27.5
Costamre	7.84	-2.64	-25.2
OrignA h	7.05	-2.33	-24.8
QuickLg rs	5.76	-1.83	-24.1
SundialG n	2.63	-.83	-24.0
RigNet	4.67	-1.41	-23.2
AltusMid	2.06	-.59	-22.3
Montage rs	4.14	-1.18	-22.2

Weekly Actives ($1 or more)

STOCK	VOL (00s)	LAST	WK CHG
GenElec	2449560	11.71	-.10
FordM	2369809	9.00	-.16
AMD	2125517	50.35	-.58
FuelCell rs	2084472	1.82	-.58
Intel	1900170	68.47	+8.87
BkofAm	1876942	33.54	-1.17
AT&T Inc	1455866	38.50	+.12
FrptMcM	1373613	11.84	-1.03
Apple Inc	1301311	318.31	-.42
Genprex	1258937	1.28	+.92

Climate of risk

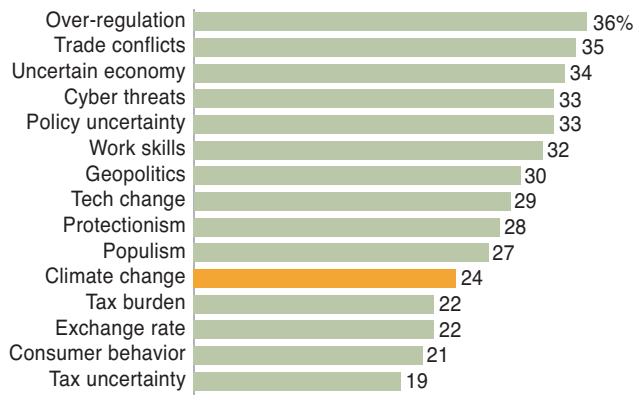
Climate issues were one of the main talking points at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, this week, but a survey of CEOs shows they are not even ranked among the top ten threats to business growth.

Financial services firm PwC says that its survey shows that executives view climate change and environmental issues as the 11th biggest threat to companies' growth. Though up one spot from the same survey a year ago, climate-related issues lag far behind other concerns such as over-regulation, which is the number 1 worry. Other concerns in the top 10 include trade conflicts, lack of skills among workers and populism in politics.

According to the report, 24% of CEOs are "extremely concerned" about climate-related issues, compared with 38% for over-regulation.

CEOs and politicians like U.S. President Donald Trump faced pressure in Davos from environmental groups and activists like Swedish teen Greta Thunberg to respond to the climate emergency. The meeting followed the revelation that the last decade was the hottest ever recorded on Earth.

Threats, and the percentage of CEO's who are 'extremely concerned'



The talk at Davos: It's mostly not about climate change, among the CEO's and politicians gathered to address problems faced by business leaders.

Source: PwC Pan Pylas; J. Paschke • AP

InterestRates

Money market mutual funds	YIELD	MIN INVEST	PHONE
Taxable—national avg	1.11		
Fidelity Inv Money Market/Instit	1.73	$10 mil.	(800) 544-6666
Tax-exempt—national avg	0.44		
Federated Muni Oblig Fund/Wealth	0.83	500K	(800) 341-7400

U.S. BOND INDEXES	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	1MO	3MO	1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	LOW
Broad market Lehman	2.18	-0.06	▼	▼	-1.12	3.33	2.06
Triple-A corporate Moody's	2.88	-0.11	▼	▼	-1.01	3.96	2.81
Corp. Inv. Grade Lehman	2.71	-0.07	▼	▼	-1.39	4.15	2.66
U.S. high yield Barclays	5.84	-0.02	▼	▲	-1.31	7.17	5.43
Global Aggregate Barclays	1.36	-0.06	▼	▼	-0.67	2.05	1.17
Treasury 10-Yr. TIPS	0.01	-0.07	▼	▼	-0.90	0.94	0.00

TREASURYS	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	1MO	3MO	1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	LOW
3-month T-Bill	1.53	-0.02	▼	▼	-0.83	2.45	1.51
6-month T-Bill	1.53	-0.03	▼	▼	-0.97	2.53	1.53
52-week T-Bill	1.52	-0.02	▲	▼	-1.05	2.59	1.50
2-year T-Note	1.47	-0.08	▼	▼	-1.09	2.61	1.37
5-year T-Note	1.49	-0.14	▼	▼	-1.06	2.59	1.32
10-year T-Note	1.68	-0.15	▼	▼	-1.03	2.75	1.46
30-year T-Bond	2.13	-0.16	▼	▼	-0.90	3.12	1.94

Money fund data provided by iMoneyNet Inc.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar fell versus the Japanese yen, but strengthened against the euro, British pound and Swiss franc. The U.S. currency also rose against the Canadian dollar and Mexican peso.

MAJORS	CLOSE	CH.	%CH.	6MO.	1YR.
USD per British Pound	1.3080	-.0038	-.29%	1.2481	1.3054
Canadian Dollar	1.3142	+.0014	+.11%	1.3144	1.3353
USD per Euro	1.1029	-.0027	-.24%	1.1136	1.1299
Japanese Yen	109.24	-.28	-.26%	108.20	109.67
Mexican Peso	18.7998	+.0441	+.23%	19.0785	19.0148
EUROPE/AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST					
Israeli Shekel	3.4549	-.0014	-.04%	3.5237	3.6738
Norwegian Krone	9.0512	+.0571	+.63%	8.6475	8.5885
South African Rand	14.4089	+.0360	+.25%	13.8904	13.7215
Swedish Krona	9.5684	+.0401	+.42%	9.4286	9.0921
Swiss Franc	.9708	+.0012	+.12%	.9858	.9969
ASIA/PACIFIC					
Australian Dollar	1.4656	+.0039	+.27%	1.4335	1.4109
Chinese Yuan	6.9367	-.0000	-.00%	6.8724	6.7886
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7720	+.0003	+.00%	7.8146	7.8456
Indian Rupee	71.309	-.079	-.11%	68.982	71.003
Singapore Dollar	1.3516	+.0003	+.02%	1.3647	1.3608
South Korean Won	1170.20	+1.00	+.09%	1178.49	1129.02
Taiwan Dollar	30.05	+.01	+.03%	31.08	30.89

Commodities

Energy futures prices fell broadly Friday, with U.S. crude oil dropping 2.5% and wholesale gasoline declining about 3%. The price of gold and silver rose, while copper fell.

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS.	%CH.	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	54.19	55.59	-2.52	-11.3
Ethanol (gal)	1.32	1.34	-1.57	-4.4
Heating Oil (gal)	1.73	1.79	-3.22	-14.4
Natural Gas (mm btu)	1.89	1.93	-1.71	-13.5
Unleaded Gas (gal)	1.52	1.56	-2.88	-10.4
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**%CH.**	**%YTD**
Gold (oz)	1571.10	1564.60	+0.42	+3.4
Silver (oz)	18.06	17.77	+1.60	+1.3
Platinum (oz)	1005.20	1001.70	+0.35	+3.5
Copper (lb)	2.69	2.73	-1.49	-3.9
AGRICULTURE	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**%CH.**	**%YTD**
Cattle (lb)	1.25	1.25	+0.14	+0.1
Coffee (lb)	1.12	1.15	-2.09	-13.3
Corn (bu)	3.87	3.94	-1.65	-0.1
Cotton (lb)	0.69	0.70	-0.90	+0.5
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	426.20	426.00	+0.05	+5.1
Orange Juice (lb)	0.96	0.95	+0.84	-1.5
Soybeans (bu)	9.02	9.10	-0.82	-4.4
Wheat (bu)	5.74	5.81	-1.21	+2.6

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Best Stocks One Month

BEST LARGE-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Tesla Inc	TSLA	564.82	10.6	**31.2**	90.5	dd	...
Uber Technologies	UBER	36.80	4.8	**22.0**	0.0	...	...
Atlassian Corp plc	TEAM	146.79	10.5	**21.2**	43.8	dd	...
Twilio Inc	TWLO	121.38	1.7	**20.9**	19.7	...	...
Lennar Corp A	LEN	66.64	5.8	**19.0**	51.5	11	0.2
Snap Inc A	SNAP	19.05	-0.3	**18.8**	222.1	dd	...
Paycom Software	PAYC	314.81	6.3	**17.1**	122.1	70	...
RingCentral Inc	RNG	197.34	2.3	**16.8**	119.8	dd	...
Arista Networks	ANET	238.05	7.3	**16.4**	-0.1	23	...
TransDigm Group	TDG	656.73	3.2	**16.4**	105.6	44	...
Cable One Inc	CABO	1737.20	6.5	**16.0**	95.7	63	0.5
Citrix Systems	CTXS	128.26	9.4	**15.8**	11.4	29	1.1
Sea Ltd	SE	45.33	9.8	**15.3**	239.9	...	...
Aspen Technology	AZPN	140.31	-1.0	**15.1**	58.1	35	...
Apache Corp	APA	29.98	-7.5	**14.8**	1.1	19	3.3

BEST MID-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Vir Biotechnology	VIR	19.95	21.8	**61.3**	0.0	...	...
21Vianet Group	VNET	10.28	-4.5	**60.4**	16.1	35	...
Beyond Meat Inc	BYND	119.49	9.5	**58.0**	0.0	dd	...
Virgin Galactic un	SPCE/U	19.45	12.5	**55.4**	115.2	...	...
SmileDirectClub Inc	SDC	13.07	1.4	**53.9**	0.0	...	...
Virgin Galactic Hldg	SPCE	17.21	10.0	**48.9**	96.6	...	...
Apellis Pharmaceuti	APLS	41.30	2.0	**43.7**	216.0	...	...
Mesoblast Ltd	MESO	10.63	13.2	**43.6**	113.0	...	...
GSX Techedu Inc	GSX	31.22	-5.1	**42.5**	0.0	...	...
Ballard Power Syst	BLDP	9.70	-19.4	**39.8**	217.2	dd	...
Alector Inc	ALEC	24.55	14.8	**39.5**	0.0	dd	...
Momenta Pharm	MNTA	28.18	-7.9	**38.4**	145.4	dd	...
Viela Bio Inc	VIE	37.13	-7.5	**37.3**	0.0	...	...
PG&E Corp	PCG	14.27	9.1	**36.7**	62.9	21	...
Qutoutiao Inc	QTT	4.63	11.0	**36.6**	-43.0	...	...

BEST SMALL-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Trillium Therapeutic	TRIL	4.51	68.7	**395.1**	98.2	...	...
Adaptimmune Therap	ADAP	3.92	-13.3	**184.1**	-11.7	...	...
ArTara Therapeutics	TARA	33.50	19.6	**132.6**	0.0	dd	...
LMP Automotive Hldgs	LMPX	43.77	7.3	**125.2**	0.0	...	...
Nautilus Inc	NLS	3.47	-1.7	**107.8**	-42.7	5	...
Tarena Intl Inc	TEDU	3.15	11.7	**104.5**	-44.9	dd	8.9
Novavax Inc	NVAX	7.80	35.9	**95.5**	-82.5	...	...
La Jolla Pharm	LJPC	7.60	-1.7	**95.4**	29.1	dd	...
Kala Pharmaceuticals	KALA	7.25	11.2	**94.4**	22.2	...	...
ACM Research Inc	ACMR	35.71	-1.1	**94.1**	418.8	65	...
Applied Therapeutics	APLT	48.66	-0.4	**86.6**	0.0	dd	...
Savara Inc	SVRA	3.14	-16.3	**81.5**	-51.2	dd	...
Tracon Pharma	TCON	4.19	5.8	**78.3**	-64.0	dd	...
NantKwest Inc	NK	6.53	-11.2	**74.6**	460.5	...	...
BioXcel Therapeut	BTAI	17.49	4.9	**73.9**	197.9	dd	...

InsiderQ&A

Hospitals making drugs they need

Martin VanTrieste
CEO
CivicaRx

U.S. hospitals fed up with shortages of critical medicines — mostly generic drugs that aren't profitable — have banded together.

Seven hospital systems and three philanthropies formed nonprofit CivicaRx in 2018 to produce what they need. The group now includes 1,200 hospitals nationwide — about 1 in 4 — and already is shipping medicines.

Shortages of antibiotics, pain, cancer and other injected medications disrupt care and cost them about $590 million annually. That's for expenses including long hours pharmacy staff spend trying to find the scarce drugs and buying costlier alternatives if there aren't better options. Hospitals sometimes must use inferior drugs or delay treatment.

Last week, Civica said it's creating a subsidiary with Blue Cross Blue Shield to produce some generics whose prices have spiked as much as 300% in the 2010s. They'll be available in two years, not just for hospitals, but for patients, pharmacies and others.

Former drug industry executive Martin VanTrieste, who came out of retirement to run Civica without a salary, recently discussed it with The Associated Press.

What's your goal?
To do what's in the best interests of patients and solve a major problem in health care: drug shortages and high prices. There are 100 drugs that are on shortage enough of the time that our hospital members want us to work on them. We think that is a five-year project.

You aim to supply some drugs ASAP and others later. What's happened so far?
We already have 18 drugs produced and shipped or ready to ship to our members. First, we found manufacturers who have Food and Drug Administration approval to make some drugs we need. We reviewed their quality, then negotiated. For example, we made a long-term contract with Denmark's Xellia, which makes antibiotics, to manufacture them at a fair price.

How do such contracts prevent shortages and save hospitals money?
They eliminate uncertainty for the manufacturer, so there should never be a supply disruption. We'll keep a six-month strategic stockpile of crucial medicines. And we do direct distribution to our hospitals. There's not a middleman who takes a profit.

You also want to get FDA approval to make other generic drugs. How?
You do the research and development to find out how to make them. You test drug stability. You then make an application to the FDA and they approve it. That whole process takes between 18 and 36 months. We just reached a seven-year contract with a Thermo-Fisher subsidiary to do manufacturing of nine products once we have approvals, for critical care and emergency medicine.

What's next?
We are actively looking for factories to buy, or to build our own, to manufacture more medicines. We think that process probably runs three to five years. By doing things differently, maybe other people will follow.

Interviewed by Linda A. Johnson. Edited for clarity and length.

AP

CRUISE

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■ Niagara & the Great Lakes is another eight-day voyage, this one hitting Niagara Falls en route between Toronto and Milwaukee. Other stops include Detroit and Michigan's Sleeping Bear Dunes. It's offered in April, May, June, July and September with prices from $5,995.

■ The longest voyage of the bunch, Canadian Discovery is a 13-day excursion that starts in New York and meanders along Canada's southeast coast to the St. Lawrence River. Passengers explore the marine-life rich Saguenay Fjord and can test their luck salmon fishing in Quebec's Moisie River. This trip ventures into only one of the Great Lakes: Lake Ontario, where the voyage caps off in Canada's biggest city, Toronto. Sailing dates are in April and October, with a minimum price tag of $8,995.

Prices include shore excursions, meals, some alcoholic beverages, Wi-Fi and port fees.

The inaugural rates are good through the end of February on 2022 and 2023 voyages. During that introductory booking period, Viking is throwing in free round-trip airfare to and from major gateways in North America. Reservations can be made at viking.com/expeditions.

Unlike some expedition ships that are refurbished research vessels, Octantis and Polaris are being built with soaring windows to maximize views. A retractable glass dome covers an area with three different temperature pools. Each of the 665-foot-long ships has multiple dining venues, a spa and a fitness center.

Modern, Scandinavian-style staterooms range in size from a snug 222 square feet to the sprawling 1,223-square-foot owner's suite with a large, private garden.

All of the cabins have king-size beds, heated bathroom floors and what's called a Nordic balcony, where the top portion of the floor-to-ceiling glass wall can be lowered to elbow level to mimic a traditional balcony.

The expedition vessels, which are under construction in Norway, feature an enclosed marina dubbed The Hangar, where guests can board and disembark smaller, high-speed excursion boats from a stable surface protected from the elements.

In a glass-covered mezzanine above The Hangar, Viking's team of "resident scientists" will be conducting environmental research during the voyages. Passengers can visit the lab to learn more about the work and even lend a hand.

For the Great Lakes trips, Viking has partnered with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, whose scientists will join expeditions to study changes in the region's weather, climate and ecosystems.

Each ship will be equipped with two submarines that can seat six guests for underwater exploration.

Seas can get rough in the polar regions – even in the Great Lakes. The Octantis' and Polaris' longer hulls, straight bows and what's billed as state-of-the-art fin stabilizers are designed for smoother sailing. The company says U-tank stabilizers should decrease rolling by up to 50 percent when the ships are stationary.

Viking's foray into expedition-style cruising marks the latest expansion for the fast-growing cruise line. In recent years, the proud "Downton Abbey" sponsor added small-ship ocean voyages to its lineup. The current fleet consists of 79 river and ocean vessels. Plans call for rolling out seven new river ships this year. Half a dozen ocean vessels are on order, with the option to add four more. That could bring Viking's ocean fleet to 16 ships by 2027.

ALDI

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Stacey Wescott / Chicago Tribune / TNS

Shoppers choose produce at Aldi in Downers Grove, Ill.

At remodeled stores, which have been expanded to fit a bigger produce and fresh foods section, customer traffic has increased by 30 percent to 40 percent, said Scott Patton, vice president of corporate buying.

"The more variety of products we carry, the more customers view Aldi as a place they can do their first shop of the week," he said.

While shoppers still have to go elsewhere for fresh ginger or water chestnuts or organic tofu – though Aldi is testing the latter – and can't get a single lime without buying a 1-pound bag, Patton said Aldi should cover 90 percent to 95 percent of their grocery list.

Aldi, which had 1,600 stores in 2017 when it announced its $5.3 billion expansion and renovation plan, is ending the year with nearly 2,000 stores in 36 states.

It has completed 70 percent of its $180 million in planned local renovations and is gaining ground on Jewel-Osco, the biggest local player, which has 188 stores in Illinois, Indiana and Iowa.

Though the privately held company does not release financials, Supermarket News estimated its revenues last year at $18.4 billion, up from $16.8 billion in 2017, while Kroger's sales were more than $120 billion. Its national market share is just 2 percent.

Karen Short, an analyst at Barclays, called Aldi's stores "ankle biters with respect to the overarching impact" on the industry, siphoning off just a trip here or there from the competition.

But Aldi is setting a standard for low-priced, high-quality goods that is keeping its larger rivals on their toes.

Walmart benchmarks its prices against Aldi's, setting them a few percentage points higher because the mass merchandiser has the advantage of more products, Short said. Walmart's then-U.S. CEO Greg Foran called Aldi a "fierce" competitor that is not to be underestimated.

Grocers are increasing investment in private-label products, which is a key part of Aldi's playbook and relevant to younger consumers who care less about name brands. Sales of private-label products grew 3.6 percent over the year that ended in October, while branded products grew 1.7 percent, according to Nielsen.

At Aldi, 90 percent of the product selection is private label.

Patton, a 24-year veteran of Aldi, said he takes the competition's interest in its business model as a compliment and a sign that the grocer, which opened its first U.S. store in Iowa in 1976, is doing something right. He isn't concerned anyone will out-Aldi Aldi.

"Our whole company is based on efficiency, saving money and doing things better and faster than anyone else can," Patton said. "So as they're chasing us, we continue to innovate and we're moving the ball. We're not standing still."

As she paused her cart in front the dairy case at the Aldi in Downers Grove, Ill., longtime customer Megan Quattrochi said she feels prices have gotten cheaper compared with other grocery stores even as the experience and product selection have improved. She pointed to a half gallon of Aldi brand Simply Nature organic almond milk, priced at $2.69, which she surmised would cost double somewhere else.

Quattrochi, 36, said she has always trusted Aldi for its produce but has been pleased to "watch it go from your basic stuff to a full-grown grocery store."

"I feel it used to be tailored more towards lower- to middle-class," said Quattrochi, who lives in La Grange, Ill. "It's gone to being tailored to everybody."

In a report last year, Morgan Stanley said 1 in 5 customers who recently switched grocery stores took their business to Aldi, a greater share than opted for Costco, Kroger, Target and Whole Foods. Walmart, the market leader, got 30 percent of switchers, but that was flat from the prior year while Aldi's share was up significantly.

Nearly half of Walmart stores, and more than half of Krogers, are within 5 miles of an Aldi as the discounter elbows into their territory, the report said. Aldi is vying for shoppers online as well: Last year it rolled out a chainwide grocery delivery partnership with Instacart, and last month added same-day beer and wine delivery.

Twenty percent of its delivery customers had never been to one of its physical stores before, suggesting it's finding new audiences, Patton said.

Simon Johnstone, director of retail insights at Kantar Retail, credits Aldi's success to its patience in slowly introducing its brand to American consumers over more than 30 years, first building awareness about price, then quality, and more recently the treasure hunt aspect of its rotating bargains.

From use of shelf space to package design, dozens of cost-saving details allow Aldi to keep prices low, Patton said. For example, each product has a bar code on each side of its package so cashiers can scan items quickly. The company recently took two years to develop a new milk bottle and transporting system that swapped out metal for polystyrene crates, allowing it to get more milk on a single truck because it weighs less, which saves on transport costs.

The limited selection – think five types of olive oil rather than the 35 to 50 found at a typical supermarket – is also key to Aldi's cost structure because it can keep stores small.

At 12,000 square feet, the average Aldi is a fraction of the size of supermarkets that tend to run from 40,000 to 150,000 square feet, saving it on rent, taxes and energy costs, Patton said.

Stores need fewer employees, and they are cross-trained so that they are never idle.

"They can run the register, refill produce, run the bakery, restock milk – anything that needs to be done in the store, anyone can do," Patton said. "That's real efficiency."

Aldi historically has been just as focused on good quality as low prices, though many outsiders don't have that perception.

"They think it can't be as good quality if it's so cheap," Patton said.

Walking through the Downers Grove store, Patton picks up a newer product, a "dessert hummus" from its private label Park Street Deli brand, which combines chickpeas, coconut oil, sugar and cocoa powder to create a $2.99 dip that tastes like brownie batter.

Working with its supplier and Aldi's test kitchen in Batavia, where some 60,000 products are sampled each year, the company went through 10 to 15 iterations before it found the right formulation, he said.

It was similarly thoughtful in creating its only two ketchup options – regular and organic – which Patton said could easily have been made cheaper by using fewer tomatoes and more water. But if consumers don't like it, they won't come back – no matter how much they saved.

"If the quality isn't there, the price doesn't really matter," he said.

LEMON CREEK

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either Lemon Creek tasting rooms in Berrien Springs and Grand Haven. Also available are the 2017 Cabernet Franc, 2017 Meritage and 2017 Shiraz.

The Petit Verdot is scheduled to be released later in the year, and the remaining award-winning wines are available for special reserve tastings only. Both tasting rooms are open daily, year round.

One of the oldest wineries in the state, Lemon Creek's vineyards are located six miles east of Lake Michigan where the hills allow the farm and winery to produce diverse and award-winning wines.

Lemon Creek has 170 acres in production and more than 30 wines produced annually.

For more information on Lemon Creek Winery's wine selection, its two tasting room locations, or the 165-year-old farming history, visit www.lemoncreekwinery.com.

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BUSINESS MEETINGS

Speaker to talk hemp at Berrien Conservation meeting

BENTON HARBOR — Jeremy Dybdahl, CEO and owner of BC Hemp Co., will be the guest speaker at the Berrien Conservation District's annual meeting on Feb. 20.

The meeting will be at Sarett Nature Center at 2300 N. Benton Center Road in Benton Harbor. Dybdahl will discuss the challenges and rewards of growing hemp.

The evening program will include a catered dinner, Berrien Conservation District updates, election, awards and a presentation by Nate Fuller, executive director of Sarett Nature Center. There will also be a silent auction with items donated from local businesses and partners.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. with dinner starting at 6 p.m.

Reservations are required by Feb. 14. The cost is $12 per person. Payment can be made at the Conservation District office at 3334 Edgewood Road in Berrien Springs, or by phone 269-471-9111 ext. 3, or online at www.berriencd.org.

For a list of auction items, visit the Berrien Conservation District's website at www.berriencd.org.

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BUSINESS

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Wightman welcomes five new hires

BENTON HARBOR — Wightman has added five new employees based in its Benton Harbor, Kalamazoo and Royal Oak offices.

Julie Johnston of Plainwell joins Wightman as a senior planner. With more than 20 years of experience in master planning, community engagement, economic development, and zoning administration, Johnston will assist clients out of the Kalamazoo office. Johnston holds a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Central Michigan University and a master of city and regional planning degree from the University of Memphis.

JOHNSTON

Rick D'Alessandro of Lansing was hired as a senior project manager in the company's architecture department. Based in the Kalamazoo office, he has more than 38 years of experience working with K-12 systems, major universities, and commercial and municipal clients. D'Alessandro earned a bachelor of science in architecture degree and master of architecture degree from the University of Michigan.

D'ALESSANDRO

Laura Chaddock of Dowagiac joined the Wightman architecture team as a project coordinator in the Benton Harbor office. Her background includes more than 10 years of industry experience focused on residential, educational and commercial projects. Chaddock received a bachelor of arts degree in art history from the College of Wooster and a master of architecture degree from Washington University in St. Louis.

CHADDOCK

Abbi Vida of St. Joseph was hired as a project coordinator with the Wightman architecture team based in the company's Benton Harbor office. She has five years' experience in interiors, architecture and landscape design. She holds bachelor of arts degree in interior design from Michigan State University.

VIDA

Christine Kennedy of Bingham Farms joins the architecture team at Wightman as a project architect in the Royal Oak office. She brings more than 28 years of architectural and interior design experience in commercial, education, and government sectors to the position. She earned a bachelor of fine arts degree and master of architecture from the University of Michigan.

KENNEDY

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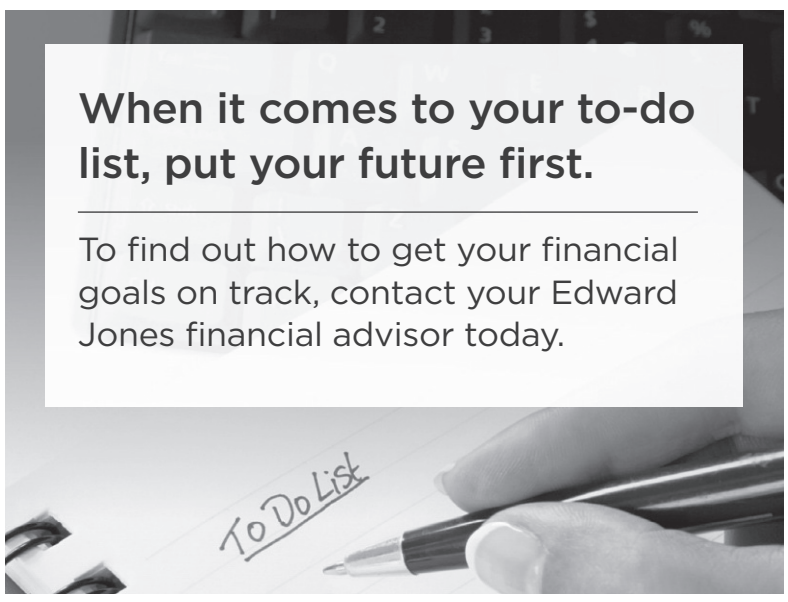
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hp SPORTS

Lakeshore's Ja'Kobe Young dunks against Niles during the first half of Friday night's game at Lakeshore High School. Don Campbell / HP staff See more photos: heraldpalladium.mycapture.com

Lancers remain undefeated

Lakeshore boys pull away in 2nd half; Niles girls dominate

By AL AREND
HP Sports Correspondent

STEVENSVILLE — Lakeshore's boys basketball team remained undefeated here Friday night, posting a hard-fought 71-53 Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference West Division victory over Niles.

Lakeshore boys 71 Niles 53

Niles girls 70 Lakeshore 29

Coach Sean Schroeder's Lancers played a solid second half, outscoring the Vikings 42-29 after leading by just five (29-24) at intermission.

"I thought Niles really played us tough for three quarters," noted Schroeder, whose squad improved to 4-0 in the West Division and 9-0 overall. "But in the second half we finally got our offense going and hit some shots."

Twice early in the third period, the Vikings (1-3 West, 2-7), cut the margin to two points, the last at 33-31, before the Lancers went on a 9-0 run on their way to a 47-38 led entering the fourth quarter. The Lancers continued to pull away in the final stanza, icing the game at the charity stripe by hitting 11 of 13 free throws down the stretch.

Senior center Dylan Clem led Lakeshore's balanced scoring attack with 17 points, while freshman Grant Gondrezick came in off the bench to net 14, and junior guard JJ Bushu chipped in 13. Starters Ben Brown and Ja'Kobe Young chipped in eight apiece, including two crowd-pleasing slam dunks by Young. Of Lakeshore's 71 points, 42 came in the paint.

"That was good to see," added Schroeder.

Lakeshore shot a blistering 55 percent from the floor, hitting 22 of 40 shots, while limiting Niles to 40 percent (19 of 47).

Rebounds and turnovers were nearly even with the Lancers holding a slight edge on the boards, and committing three fewer turnovers.

"I though Dylan (Clem) had a very solid game, once we found the way of getting him the ball inside," added Schroeder, who wasn't upset that his unbeaten team is not ranked. "We're in (Division 2) now so I'm not upset about not being recognized. If we were still in (Division 1) then I'd have to wonder what's going on."

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Palmer with 62 takes 2-shot lead at Torrey Pines

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

SAN DIEGO — Ryan Palmer wasn't aware of any score but his own Friday at Torrey Pines, and he knew it was good enough to at least get himself back into the mix at the Farmers Insurance Open.

He was on the North Course without much bustle – Tiger Woods was on the South – and without any scoreboards. As he kept piling up birdies, Palmer was tempted to get out his phone and see where he stood.

"I said, 'Just don't look. We'll see when we get done.' I knew it would be close," he said.

It was much better than that. His 10-under 62 – with a bogey on the last hole – went a long way, taking him to a two-shot lead over Brandt Snedeker going into the weekend.

It was a magnificent round to match the weather along the Pacific

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Saints seek to shield PR help to church in sex crisis

By JIM MUSTIAN
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Saints are going to court to keep the public from seeing hundreds of emails that allegedly show team executives doing public relations damage control for the area's Roman Catholic archdiocese to help it contain the fallout from a burgeoning sexual abuse crisis.

Attorneys for about two dozen men suing the church say in court filings that the 276 documents they obtained through discovery show that the NFL team, whose owner is devoutly Catholic, aided the Archdiocese of New Orleans in its "pattern and practice of concealing its crimes."

"Obviously, the Saints should not be in the business of assisting the Archdiocese, and the Saints' public relations team is not in the business of managing the public relations of criminals engaged in

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Time to take over

Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

Ron DeKett / HP correspondent Coloma's Drew Goodline tries to find an open lane to the basket at Watervliet's Cole Pine defends during Friday's game.

Goodline lifts Coloma boys over rival Watervliet; Comet girls win 4th straight

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

COLOMA — Coloma's boys basketball team shared the ball well on Friday, as nine different Comets scored in a 61-50 victory over rival Watervliet. But with the game on the line, Drew Goodline took over.

Coloma boys 61 Watervliet 50

Coloma girls 41 Watervliet 25

Goodline scored 19 points, including three fourth-quarter 3-pointers, to help the Comets secure the Southwestern Athletic Conference Lakeshore Division win.

"I think it was a total team effort," Coloma coach Curtis McFall said. "Drew stepped up when we needed a bucket late. That's kind of his role with us. He's been doing a good job of that, knowing when to attack and when to set up his teammates."

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Ron DeKett / HP correspondent
Coloma's Megan Keonigshof pushes her way past Watervliet defenders during Friday's game.

IN BRIEF

Bulls expect Markkanen to miss 4-6 weeks with injury

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bulls expect forward Lauri Markkanen to miss four to six weeks because of an injured right hip.

The 7-footer from Finland had an MRI on Thursday after experiencing soreness in the hip for about a week.

"It hasn't really gotten worse, but it's been there for a couple of games," he said Friday. "We decided to get an MRI before we go on the road."

Markkanen is averaging 15 points and 6.5 rebounds. He had appeared in all 46 games, though he played through a sprained left ankle the past three weeks. He initially wanted to try playing through the injury, which was termed an early stress reaction.

"I really wanted to play, but at the same time I had to take a step back and think about what was smart," he said.

The Bulls were 10th in the Eastern Conference at 17-29 entering Friday's game against the Sacramento Kings.

Bears raise ticket prices after disappointing season

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — The Chicago Bears are raising season ticket prices after a disappointing year.

The Bears announced Friday that season tickets will go up between 1.6 percent to 5.3 percent for 2020. The average increase for club seats will be 3.3 percent and 4.3 percent for non-club seats. The team also said prices for individual game tickets again will vary and be assigned tiers based on the quality of the matchup. They will be announced with the release of the NFL schedule in April.

The Bears missed the playoffs at 8-8 after going 12-4 and winning the NFC North in 2018.

Keuchel apologizes for Astros sign stealing scandal

CHICAGO (AP) — Dallas Keuchel has become the first member of the 2017 Houston Astros to offer a public apology for the team's sign-stealing scheme during their run to the World Series championship.

Speaking Friday at the fan convention for the Chicago White Sox, who signed the left-hander to a $55.5 million, three-year contract in December, Keuchel said he felt what happened was blown out of proportion, but he was sorry.

"I'm not going to go into specific detail, but during the course of the playoffs in '17, everybody was using multiple signs," Keuchel said, "I mean, for factual purposes, when there's nobody on base, when in the history of major league baseball has there been multiple signs?

"It's just what the state of baseball was at that point and time," the former AL Cy Young Award winner said. "Was it against the rules? Yes it was, and I personally am sorry for what's come about, the whole situation."

An investigation by Major League Baseball found the Astros used the video feed from a center field camera to see and decode the opposing catcher's signs.

With foundation in Mahomes, Chiefs built team for Super Bowl

By DAVE SKRETTA
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The team that would eventually take the Kansas City Chiefs back to the Super Bowl for the first time in 50 years was under construction long before general manager Brett Veach and coach Andy Reid finally laid the cornerstone.

Patrick Mahomes simply allowed them to erect the walls faster and higher than anyone thought possible.

The story of how the Chiefs were built doesn't begin or end with the record-setting quarterback, but everything certainly revolves around him. The reigning league MVP's uncanny ability to make every throw imaginable, his competitive drive and willingness to tuck and run, and his leadership in the locker room have all been instrumental in helping the Chiefs advance to the championship game against the San Francisco 49ers next weekend.

"People thought I was crazy back at the combine, before he took a start, when I said he is the best player I've ever seen," Veach said. "He is the best player in the game. I think that's not just me saying it now, it's the whole league. He is the best player in the game so whatever he does, it doesn't really surprise you. He is that good."

Even though he missed most of three games because of a knee injury, and was hobbled in a handful of others with a sore ankle, the star quarterback still threw for more than 4,000 yards with 26 touchdown passes and only five interceptions.

His value doesn't end there, either. Mahomes remains on his rookie contract – at least for now – and that allowed the Chiefs the financial flexibility to rebuild an inept defense into one that was among the NFL's best late in the season.

The Chiefs knew after they failed to stop the New England Patriots in overtime in last year's AFC championship game that they needed to make changes, and coach Andy Reid made the difficult decision to relieve Bob Sutton of his duties as their defensive coordinator. He brought in Steve Spagnuolo, who in turn implemented an aggressive 4-3 defense, and Veach did his part by overhauling the personnel on that side of the ball to better fit the new scheme.

There were pieces already in place thanks to a couple of successful drafts, including Pro Bowl defensive tackle Chris Jones, and a couple of free-agent signings last year helped the linebacker group. But it was Veach's pursuit of defensive end Frank Clark and safety Tyrann Mathieu that ultimately put the Chiefs defense over the top.

The Chiefs traded a load of draft picks to Seattle for Clark, then gave him a massive $105.5 million contract, and he lived up to the investment by giving them a fearsome pass rush.

Mathieu arrived in free agency thanks to a $42 million deal, and he not only brought play-making ability to the back of the defense but an unmistakable swagger to the whole team.

"Last year when the season ended, we knew we had work to do. We put a plan together," Veach said. "We believed in the guys we went after. We knew we had to field a defense to complement our offense and we did that."

Those were the big names that shored up the defense, but other pieces came along too. The Chiefs brought in veteran cornerback Bashaud Breeland and linebacker Damien Wilson, and they drafted safety Juan Thornhill and defensive tackle Khalen Saunders, and all four of them have played an integral role this season.

"Spags has done a great job with that group," Reid said. "He has guys with him on the defensive side that he was familiar with. He'll be the first to tell you, that is such a big part of it. He didn't have to teach the coaches – the coaches just hit the ground running and already knew what was expected of them. So the players go, 'Man, all these guys believe this, they can teach it, they're all tied in.' With that, there was a confidence that was built in. Even when things start off slow, the guys are going, 'We're this close to turning things around again to the way we want it.' And they just keep at it."

While the Chiefs overhauled their defense from last season, the offense merely needed a few finishing touches. They had added wide receivers Tyreek Hill and Demarcus Robinson along with tight end Travis Kelce through the draft, and they had added running back Damien Williams and wide receiver Sammy Watkins through free agency in previous years.

The offensive line returned from last season largely intact, and the Chiefs merely added a couple of reinforcements – Stefan Wisniewski even worked his way into the starting lineup, proving to be much more than just a depth piece.

They also added wide receiver Mecole Hardman, who was voted to the Pro Bowl as a return specialist, along with running back Darwin Thompson and offensive lineman Nick Allegretti through the draft. All have had a role this season.

Now, with a vastly improved defense to match the Chiefs' already prolific offense, they have finally taken the franchise back to the Super Bowl for the first time since beating the Minnesota Vikings for their only championship in 1970.

AIRWAVES

Television today

9:00 a.m. (ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Third Round. (Same-day Tape) CC
9:30 a.m. (FS1) **Bundesliga Soccer** Eintracht Frankfurt vs RB Leipzig. (Live) CC
10:00 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premiership Rugby** Bristol Rugby vs Gloucester Rugby. (Live)
12:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Nebraska at Wisconsin. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Missouri at West Virginia. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Miami at North Carolina. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Illinois at Michigan. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **College Basketball** VCU at La Salle. (Live)
1:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **College Basketball** Villanova at Providence. (Live) CC
(13) (41) (57) **Winter X Games** Aspen. (Live) CC
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Farmers Insurance Open, Third Round. (Live) CC
1:30 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **IMSA Weathertech Sportscar Championship** Rolex 24 at Daytona. (Live)
(7) **Winter X Games** Aspen. (Joined in Progress) CC
2:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Nebraska at Rutgers. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** LSU at Texas. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Mississippi State at Oklahoma. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** Clemson at Louisville. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** St. John's at DePaul. St. John's visits DePaul. (Live) CC
(NBCSCH) **College Basketball** Bradley at Indiana State. (Live)
(NBCSports) **IMSA Weathertech Sportscar Championship** Rolex 24 at Daytona. (Live)
2:30 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **Figure Skating** U.S. Championships: Pairs Free & Senior Men's Short Program. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **PGA Tour Golf** Farmers Insurance Open, Third Round. (Live) CC
(Golf) **LPGA Tour Golf** Gainbridge at Boca Rio, Third Round. (Live) CC
4:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Gymnastics** Iowa at Penn State. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Tennessee at Kansas. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** TCU at Arkansas. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** NC State at Georgia Tech. (Live)
4:30 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **Horse Racing** Pegasus World Cup Invitational. (Live)
6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Hockey** Penn State at Michigan State. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Kentucky at Texas Tech. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Kansas State at Alabama. (Live)
(NBCSports) **Track and Field** Indoor Grand Prix - Boston. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Brooklyn Nets at Detroit Pistons. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **2020 NHL All-Star Game** The biggest and brightest stars in the NHL compete at the Enterprise Center in St. Louis. (Live)
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Baylor at Florida. (Live)
(NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** Chicago Bulls at Cleveland Cavaliers. (Live)
(NBCSports) **Figure Skating** U.S. Figure Skating Championships. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (7) (13) (41) (57) **NBA Basketball** Los Angeles Lakers at Philadelphia 76ers. (Live) CC
(Bigten) **College Hockey** Ohio State at Minnesota. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Round of 16. (Live) CC
(FS1) **College Basketball** Washington at Colorado. (Live) CC
(Showtime) **Boxing** Danny Garcia vs. Ivan Redkach. (Live) CC
10:00 p.m. (ESPN) **X Games** Aspen 2020. From Aspen, Colo. (Live)
11:00 p.m. (NBCSports) **IMSA Weathertech Sportscar Championship** Rolex 24 at Daytona. (Live)
3:00 a.m. (ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Round of 16. (Live) CC
3:30 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Omega Dubai Desert Classic, Final Round. (Live)

Sunday

6:00 a.m. (NBCSports) **IMSA Weathertech Sportscar Championship** Rolex 24 at Daytona. (Live)
9:30 a.m. (FS1) **Bundesliga Soccer** SV Werder Bremen vs TSG 1899 Hoffenheim. (Live) CC
11:55 a.m. (ESPN2) **Italian Serie A Soccer** AS Roma vs Lazio. (Live)
12:00 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **IMSA Weathertech Sportscar Championship** Rolex 24 at Daytona. (Live)
(FS1) **Bundesliga Soccer** Bayer 04 Leverkusen vs Fortuna Düsseldorf. (Live) CC
1:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **College Basketball** Maryland at Indiana. (Live) CC
(FoxDetroit) **Women's College Basketball** Clemson at Virginia Tech. (Live)
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Farmers Insurance Open, Final Round. (Live) CC
(NBCSCH) **Figure Skating** U.S. Figure Skating Championships. Ladies' Short Program. From Greensboro, N.C. (Taped)
2:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Penn State at Purdue. (Live) CC
(ESPN2) **X Games** Aspen 2020. From Aspen, Colo. (Live)
(FS1) **PBA Bowling** Oklahoma Open. (Live) CC
3:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **PGA Tour Golf** Farmers Insurance Open, Final Round. (Live) CC
(5) (8) (16) **Figure Skating** U.S. Championships: Senior Men's Free Skate. (Live)
(7) (13) (41) (57) **2020 Pro Bowl** NFC vs AFC.(Live) CC
(17) (22.2) (32) **College Basketball** Michigan State at Minnesota. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **2020 Pro Bowl** NFC vs AFC. (Live)
(Golf) **LPGA Tour Golf** Gainbridge at Boca Rio, Final Round. (Live) CC
(NBCSCH) **Women's College Basketball** Georgetown at DePaul. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Michigan State at Iowa. (Live) CC
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** Oregon at Oregon State. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Xavier at Creighton. (Live) CC
5:00 p.m. (17) (22.2) (32) **College Basketball** UCLA at Oregon. (Live) CC
(NBCSCH) **College Basketball** Evansville at Valparaiso. (Live)
6:00 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Boston Celtics at New Orleans Pelicans. (Live) CC
6:30 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Ohio State at Northwestern. (Live) CC
(FS1) **Women's College Basketball** St. John's at Seton Hall. (Live) CC
8:30 p.m. (Bigten) **College Wrestling** Ohio State at Minnesota. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **X Games** Aspen 2020. From Aspen, Colo. (Live)
(FS1) **Women's College Basketball** West Virginia at TCU. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Round of 16. (Live) CC
3:00 a.m. (ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Round of 16. (Live) CC

Monday

6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Minnesota at Indiana.(Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** North Carolina at NC State. (Live)
(ESPN2) **Women's Basketball** United States vs Connecticut. Exhibition game. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Cleveland Cavaliers at Detroit Pistons. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** San Antonio Spurs at Chicago Bulls. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Tampa Bay Lightning at Dallas Stars. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Wisconsin at Iowa. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Kansas at Oklahoma State. (Live)
(ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Men's and Women's Quarterfinals. (Live) CC
3:00 a.m. (ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Men's and Women's Quarterfinals. (Live)

Radio today

Noon
College basketball — Illinois at Michigan (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

Sunday

3 p.m.
College basketball — Michigan State at Minnesota (WCSY-FM, 103.7)
NFL — Pro Bowl (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

Monday

6 p.m.
High school basketball — Covert at Lake Michigan Catholic doubleheader (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

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Niles' Alycia Patterson escapes pressure from Lakeshore's Shelby Grau, left and Reneigh Sandmann during Friday night's game.

LANCERS

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Niles had two players in double figures as Cerious Wilson led the way with 15 points, and Michael Gilcrese came in off the bench to score 10.

Niles dominated the girls game, posting an easy 70-23 victory to improved to 3-2 in the West and 6-4 overall. Lakeshore fell to 1-4 in the West and 3-7 on the season, as they hit just 17 percent (9 of 53) from the floor, compared to the Vikings 49 percent (24 of 49).

"We like to push the ball up the floor and we accomplished that tonight," said Niles coach Jessica Johnson.

Alycia Patterson and Amara Palmer led the way for the Vikings with 22 and 16 points, respectively. Palmer grabbed eight caroms and Patterson six.

The Vikings forced the Lancers into 27 turnovers, while only committing 13 of their own. Niles netted 25 points off those Lakeshore miscues.

Niles jumped out to a quick 12-0 lead before Lakeshore's Reneigh Sandmann scored the Lancers' first basket last in the first quarter. But Niles was never really challenged and forced a running clock at 60-20 with 6:46 left in the final stanza.

Morgan Tillman led Lakeshore with eight points and 12 rebounds, as the Lancers held a 37-28 edge on the boards.

Boys game

LAKESHORE 71, NILES 53

NILES (53)
Cerious Wilson 5 2-4 15, Adrian Thomas 3 2-4 9, Demarien Nichols 1 2-3 4, Brayden Lake 3 0-0 8, Jordan Jones 1 0-1 2, Joe Bartkowiak 2 0-0 5, Mike Gilcrese 4 2-3, 10. Totals: 19 8-19 53.

LAKESHORE (71)
Ben Brower 2 3-4 8, Ja'Kobe Young 2 4-6 8, Dylan Clem 7 3-5 17, JJ Bushu 3 4-15 13. Grant Gondrezick 4 4-5 14, Austin Holgate 0 2-2 2, Jonathan Worsham 2 0-2 5, Gavin Foster 1 0-0 2, Landen Thompson 1 0-0 2. Totals: 22 21-27 71.

Niles	**9**	**15**	**14**	**15**	**— 53**
Lakeshore	**11**	**18**	**18**	**24**	**— 71**

3-points baskets – Niles 7 (Wilson 3, Lake 2, Thomas, Bartkowiak). Lakeshore: 6 (Bushu 2, Gondrezick 2, Brower, Worsham). Total fouls – Niles 22, Lakeshore 13. Fouled out – None. Rebounds – Niles 23 (Thomas 5, Gilcrese 5); Lakeshore 25 (Brower 7, Clem 6). Assists – Niles 8 (Thomas 4),Lakeshore 13 (Bushu 7).
Records – Niles 1-3 SMAC West, 2-7; Lakeshore 4-0 West, 9-0.

Girls game

NILES 70, LAKESHORE 23

NILES (70)
Bailey Bickel 2 1-2 5, Reese Davies 1 0-0 2, Amara Palmer 5 5-7 16, Alycia Patterson 7 6-8 22, Sydney Skarbek 1 0-2 3, Kamryn Patterson 2 0-0 5, Natalie Lucero 1 0-0 3, Alexis Rauch 1 1-2 3, Morgan Warren 4 3-4 11. Totals: 24 16-25 70.

LAKESHORE (23)
Jayden Schmaltz 2 1-2 5, Morgan Tillman 4 0-0 8, Ella Jeske 1 1-3 3, Riley Pifer 1 0-1 2, Olivia Trivdi 0 2-2 2, Reneigh Sandmann 1 0-0 2, Dominique Cela 0 1-2 1. Totals: 9 5-15 23.

Niles	**15**	**20**	**20**	**15**	**— 70**
Lakeshore	**4**	**4**	**10**	**5**	**— 23**

3-point baskets – Niles 6 (A. Patterson 2, Palmer, Skarbek, K. Patterson, Lucero). Lakeshore 0. Total fouls – Niles 15, Lakeshore 18. Fouled out – None. Technical – Lakeshore coach Michael Clark. Rebounds – Niles 28 (Palmer 8), Lakeshore 37 (Tillman 12). Assists – Niles 13 Davies 4, Palmer 4), Lakeshore 4 (Hollee Hercik 2)/
Records – Niles 3-2 SMAC West, 6-4; Lakeshore 1-4 West, 3-7.

COMETS

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Coloma's girls team was also victorious, topping Watervliet 41-25.

In the boys game, Coloma (3-2 SAC Lakeshore, 5-4) was ahead comfortably most of the way. Watervliet (1-4, 4-6) went on a 9-1 run in the fourth quarter, getting back-to-back 3-pointers from Danaveon Gilbert and a 3-point play from Andrew Chisek to trim the margin to 51-43 with 3:50 left.

After a timeout, Goodline found Shawn Dryer wide open with a long pass for an easy basket, then followed with a 3-pointer. He came up with a steal that led to a pair of free throws for Karon Smith, then added another three to finish the 10-0 run and put the game totally out of reach.

Goodline finished with five assists. Isaiah Reinhardt scored 11 for Coloma, and Michael Dancer had six points, eight rebounds and five assists.

"Twenty-five assists a game is a mark that we try to shoot for," McFall said. "That means we're moving the ball and we're making shots. That's typical of how our game will be.

"That's what we preach, everybody get involved. If you move, if you run hard, you'll have your opportunity."

Gilbert scored 14 to lead Watervliet and Andrew Chisek added 11.

In the girls game, Coloma (3-2, 4-6) also took control in the fourth, scoring 10 straight points to extend its lead to 39-22. The Comets have now won four straight after an 0-6 start, including an upset of previously unbeaten Gobles last Friday.

"Tonight was another team effort," Coloma coach Kim Swisher said. "Everybody was in the scoring box. We were sharing the ball very well tonight."

Amaria Echols scored nine points to lead a balanced Coloma attack. Megan Koenigshof added eight points, nine rebounds and four assists, and Megan Neubecker had six points and 12 rebounds.

"Neubecker and Koenigshof do their job, what they're supposed to do as seniors," Swisher said. "I thought Amaria Echols stepped up really big tonight. She had a steal and a breakaway – you don't see too many post players breaking away. She played tough."

Samantha Dietz led Watervliet with 14 points and 14 rebounds, both game highs.

"Our kids do a great job of finding her," Watervliet coach Ken Dietz said. "She can't do that if we don't find her. That takes everybody else involved – somebody to pick for her, somebody to get her the ball.

"(Coloma) imposed their will on us. They took their strength and kind of pushed us around a little bit, and we've just got to learn to handle that better. We're getting better, we're lasting longer into games, we're making progress."

Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

Watervliet's Samantha Dietz scores as Megan Neubecker defends for Coloma during Friday's game.

Boys game

COLOMA 61, WATERVLIET 50

WATERVLIET (50)
Andrew Chisek 4 3-5 11, Curtis White 2 2-2 7, Evan Hutchins 0 2-4 2, Davis King 3 0-0 9, Danaveon Gilbert 4 3-4 14, Cole Pline 2 1-4 5, Rylee Carter 1 0-0 2. Totals: 16 11-19 50.
COLOMA (61)
Drew Goodline 6 2-2 19, Karon Smith 2 2-2 8, Michael Dancer 3 0-0 6, Amir Hall 1 1-2 3, Shawn Dryer 3 1-3 7, Isaiah Reinhardt 5 0-0 11, Kenyon Boyd 1 0-0 2, Brenden Jacobs 1 0-0 3, Stacey Branscumb 1 0-0 2. Totals: 23 6-9 61.

Watervliet	**6**	**13**	**13**	**18**	**— 50**
Coloma	**17**	**10**	**18**	**16**	**— 61**

3-point goals – Watervliet 7 (Gilbert 3, King 3, White), Coloma 9 (Goodline 5, Smith 2, Reinhardt, Jacobs). Total fouls – Watervliet 10, Coloma 15. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none. Rebounds – Watervliet 36 (Hutchins 9, Pline 7), Coloma 33 (Dancer 8, Goodline 6). Assists – Goodline (C) 5, Dancer (C) 5, White (W) 4.
Records – Watervliet 1-4 SAC Lakeshore, 4-6; Coloma 3-2, 5-4.

Girls game

COLOMA 41, WATERVLIET 25

WATERVLIET (25)
Samantha Dietz 5 4-16 14, Madison Saunders 1 0-0 2, Madison Flowers 3 0-0 6, Serena Reyna 1 0-0 2, Adriyanna Winters 0 1-2 1. Totals: 10 5-18 25.
COLOMA (41)
Marissa Sherburn 3 0-1 7, Amaria Echols 4 1-3 9, Megan Neubecker 2 2-4 6, Megan Koenigshof 4 0-1 8, Addy Kimmerly 2 2-2 6, Adian Allmon 1 0-0 3, Vanessa Crisenbery 1 0-0 2. Totals: 17 5-11 41.

Watervliet	**3**	**10**	**9**	**3**	**— 25**
Coloma	**7**	**9**	**13**	**12**	**— 41**

3-point goals – Watervliet 0, Coloma 2 (Sherburn, Allmon). Total fouls – Watervliet 10, Coloma 16. Fouled out – Neubecker (C). Technical fouls – none. Rebounds – Watervliet 45 (Dietz 14, Flowers 8), Coloma 43 (Neubecker 12, Koenigshof 9). Assists – Saunders (W) 4, Koenigshof (C) 4.
Records – Watervliet 0-5 SAC Lakeshore, 2-10; Coloma 3-2, 4-6.

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Pistons fall to Grizzlies despite Rose's 11th straight 20-point game

By VINCE ELLIS
Detroit Free Press (TNS)

DETROIT — Likely rookie of the year Ja Morant visited Little Caesars Arena for the first time Friday night.

But it was Jaren Jackson Jr., the former Michigan State standout, who put his stamp on the Memphis Grizzlies' 125-112 victory over the Detroit Pistons.

Jackson scored 24 of his game-high 29 points in the first half and his 3-pointer with 3:06 remaining gave the Grizzlies a six-point lead on the way to sending the injury-depleted Pistons to a loss.

Morant played an excellent floor game with 16 points and 12 assists as the Grizzlies (21-24) pulled away late.

Derrick Rose scored 22 points to lead the Pistons (17-29), his 11th straight game of scoring 20-plus points. He added eight assists.

Christian Wood scored 20 points and Reggie Jackson added 14 points and six assists in his second game after missing 42 straight with a back injury.

Dillon Brooks added 27 points for the Grizzlies.

The Pistons have yielded 100-plus points for 25 straight games, the longest current streak in the NBA.

The Grizzlies took a 66-61 lead into halftime, the key sequence coming late in the first quarter when the Pistons yielded a 14-0 run with Tim Frazier at point guard.

Pistons coach Dwane Casey started Jackson and Rose, forcing minutes for Frazier, who missed Wednesday night's victory over the Sacramento Kings.

Frazier played only four minutes, but Casey adjusted the rotation in the second half, starting Langston Galloway in place of Jackson. The move allowed Casey to stagger Rose's and Jackson's minutes.

Tony Snell (illness) joined Andre Drummond (lip/tooth) and Bruce Brown (illness) on the injury list. Drummond and Brown missed consecutive games.

Blake Griffin (knee) and Luke Kennard (both knees) were dressed in street clothes.

With the Pistons down so many bodies, Casey turned to two-way contract player Louis King to start the second quarter.

The rookie from Oregon was solid. He played nine minutes in the first half and did not look lost. Jackson found him for a corner 3-pointer at the 10:27 mark, cutting the deficit to 37-30.

King came in with Jackson at the 5:17 mark of the third quarter.

He finished with three points in 14 minutes. He grabbed four rebounds.

In 1st game without injured Markkanen, Bulls struggle to score in loss to Kings

By JAMAL COLLIER
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

CHICAGO — Life without forward Lauri Markkanen began for the Bulls on Friday night, just hours after the team announced that Markkanen, one of their most important players, would be out for at least a month.

The Bulls have struggled to score consistently even with Markkanen on the floor, but in their first game without him, their offense labored through a 98-81 loss to the Kings. The Bulls shot just 39 percent from the field and 21.6 percent on 3-pointers.

A frustrating night for the Bulls spilled over to the court in the fourth quarter when they were hit with a pair of technical fouls – first when guard Zach LaVine argued with an official on a non-call and then when coach Jim Boylen continued yelling from the sideline on the next possession.

LaVine attempted to pull the Bulls into the game with 10 straight points to start the second half, but they could not overcome an off shooting night from LaVine, who went 8 for 21 from the floor and finished with a team-high 21 points. But with about two minutes remaining in the game and the Bulls preparing for a back-to-back Saturday night in Cleveland, Boylen pulled his starters to concede the loss.

The absence of Markkanen, who has a stress reaction in his right pelvis, will make life difficult for the Bulls whose frontcourt has been decimated by injuries this season. The Kings took advantage by making their first nine field goals in the paint and scoring 30 of their 54 first-half points in the paint.

That might be the game plan for teams to attack a Bulls team missing four key frontcourt players – Markkanen, Wendell Carter Jr., Daniel Gafford and Otto Porter Jr. And without Markkaken the Bulls will have trouble scoring consistently enough to keep up.

Buddy Hield paced the Kings with 21 points and eight rebounds off the bench.

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High school scoreboard

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BRIDGMAN 26, COMSTOCK 24

COMSTOCK (24)
DeYoung-Foster 2 0-0 4, Gilley 1 0-0 3, Owens 1 0-0 2, Cannon 3 1-2 7, Wilson-Abrams 1 0-0 2, Tiffany 2 0-0 5, Lews 0 1-2 1. Totals: 10 2-4 24.
BRIDGMAN (26)
Liv Tomlin 0 4-9 4, Sam Rydwelski 1 2-4 4, Mackenzie Norris 2 2-5 6, Jalynn Krieger 1 2-2 3, Talea Lavanway 3 2-2 8, 0 0-1 0. Totals: 7 12-22 26.

C	**4**	**5**	**4**	**11**	**— 24**
B	**8**	**7**	**4**	**7**	**— 26**

3-point goals – Bridgman 0, Comstock 2 (Tiffany, Gilley). Total fouls – Bridgman 10, Comstock 21. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – none.
Records – 2-3 BCS Red, 3-8 ; Comstock 2-3, 2-8.

RIVER VALLEY 36, NEW BUFFALO 25

NEW BUFFALO (25)
Mary Mayer 2 0-0 4, Abby Vitale 2 0-4 4, Ally Smith 2 0-0 4, Nadia Collins 3 4-6 10, 1 0-0 2, 0 1-2 1. Totals: 10 5-12 25.
RIVER VALLEY (36)
Lucia Rico 5 2-4 12, Macey Springer 1 2-6 4, Emma Springer 1 1-2 3, Taylor Volstorf 2 1-2 6, Hailey Hauch 3 0-0 6, Annekeh Witter 0 1-3 1. Totals: 14 7-17 36.

NB	**6**	**4**	**11**	**4**	**—'25**
RV	**10**	**11**	**6**	**9**	**— 36**

3-point goals – River Valley 1 (Volstorf), New Buffalo 0. Rebounds – River Valley 35 (M. Springer 10), New Buffalo 36 (Collins 15). Total fouls – River Valley 13, New Buffalo 18. Fouled out – none.
Records – River Valley 6-2 BCS White 8-4 ; New Buffalo 6-2, 8-3.

ST. JOSEPH 34, PORTAGE CENTRAL 26

St. Joseph scoring – Symone King 10, Karly Klaer 6.

SJ	**3**	**8**	**6**	**17**	**— 34**
PC	**6**	**8**	**2**	**10**	**— 26**

Rebounds – King 5, Klaer 5. Steals – Klaer 2.
Records – St. Joseph 6-1 SMAC West, 8-4 ; Portage Central 4-1. 8-2.

HOWARDSVILLE CHRISTIAN 29, COUNTRYSIDE 26

Howardsville scoring – Abby Van Manel 10, Rebekah Van Marel 4, Jessica Hand 1, Alayna Brown 1, Trinity Hostetler 13.
Countryside scoring – Carolyn Deneau 5, Yneisha Washington 2, Carolina Pullen 11, Celins Robinson 4, Tasheunna Mays 2, Tia Johnson 2.
Records – Countryside 0-7 BCS White, 0-7 ; Howardsville Christian 3-5, 3-6.
Complete results unavailable.

BOYS BASKETBALL

PORTAGE CENTRAL 61, ST. JOSEPH 43

ST. JOSEPH (43)
Jeremiah Sterling 3 4-4 12, Luke Hedstrom 1 0-0 2, Nick Borre 3 0-0 6, Griffin Shinrock 1 909 2, Conner Wright 4 0-0 11, Grant Hardy 2 0-0 4, Brennen Kerns 2 1-2 6. Totals: 17 5-6.
P CENTRAL (61)
Smith Moore IV 4 1-3 9, Justin Wright 1 3-6 6, Grant Pikkart 5 4-6 15, Zach MacDonald3 1-2 7, Hunter Young 1 0-0 3, Alex Bowman 0 3-4 3, Luke Leto 6 0-0 16. Totals: 21 12-21 61.

SJ	**11**	**9**	**10**	**13**	**— 43**
PC	**12**	**16**	**16**	**17**	**— 61**

3-point goals – St. Joseph 4 (Sterling 2, Wright, Kerns), Portage Central 7 (Leto 4, Wright, Pikaart, Young). Rebounds – St. Joseph 21, Portage Central 25. Assists – St. Joseph 11, Portage Central 4.
Records – St. Joseph 2-2 SMAC West 3-7 ; Portage Central 4-0, 8-0.

BRIDGMAN 54, COMSTOCK 29

COMSTOCK (29)
Joe Allen 2 0-0 4, JR Lellom 1 4-5 6, Evan Caswell 0 0-2 0, Israel Patterson 2 1-3 5, Dalton Dickens 1 0-0 3, Tario Givan 1 0-0 3, Lyk Martinez 2 2-3 6, Gabe Roweable 1 0-0 2. Totals: 1 7-14 29.
BRIDGMAN (54)
Luke Blesy 5 1-1 16, Jackson Schmaltz 3 0-0 6, Hunter Adams 6 1-3 13, Jayce Warren 2 3-4 8, Nate Necas 0 0-1 0, Henry Branch 2 0-0 5, Don Necas 2 0-0 6, Weston Busick 0 0-1 0. Totals: 20 5-9 54.

C	**6**	**4**	**8**	**11**	**— 29**
B	**16**	**12**	**18**	**8**	**— 54**

3-point goals – Bridgman 9 (Blesy 5, D. Necas 2, Branch, Warren), Comstock 2 (Dickens, Givan). Total fouls – Bridgman 12, Comstock 12. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none.
Records – Bridgman 3-1 BCS Red, 8-3 ; Comstock 2-2, 3-5.

RIVER VALLEY 42, NEW BUFFALO 27

RIVER VALLEY (42)
Lennon Lange 3 0-0 6, Wil Korbel 3 4-6 11, Jacob Barbour 2 2-4 7, Josh Seifert 1 0-0 2, Matthew Schmidt 3 4-6 10, Davyd Bronson 2 1-2 6. Totals: 14 11-18 42.
NEW BUFFALO (27)
Nate Tripp 1 0-0 3, Kaden Parmley 1 3-5 5, Anthony Lijewski 3 0-0 7, Sean Gordon 1 0-0 3, Ryan Vinson 4 0-0 9. Totals: 10 3-5 27.

RV	**8**	**10**	**11**	**13**	**— 42**
NB	**9**	**7**	**8**	**3**	**— 27**

3-point goals – River Valley 3 (Bronson, Barbour, Korbel), New Buffalo 4 (Tripp, Lijewski, Gordon, Vinson). Rebounds – River Valley 25, New Buffalo 14. Total fouls – River Valley 7, New Buffalo 15.
Records – River Valley 7-0 BCS White, 9-2 ; New Buffalo 5-1, 5-4.

LAWRENCE 34, MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 33

LAWRENCE (34)
J. Zaputa 2 0-0 6, K. Smith 2 2-2 8, K. Williams 1 0-1 2, L. Copeman 2 0-0 4, Brandon Lopez 6 1-3 14. Totals: 13 3-6 34.
MICHIGAN LUTHERAN (33)
Ritter 1 0-0 3, Plocher 3 2-2 9, Ramirez 1 0-0 3, Taylor 1 1-3 3, Erby 2 0-0 4, Semenak 1 0-2 3, Rosenbaum 4 0-3 8. Totals: 13 3-10 33.

La	**9**	**5**	**10**	**10**	**— 34**
ML	**7**	**13**	**2**	**11**	**— 33**

3-point goals – Lawrence 5 (Zaputa 2, Smith 2, Lopez), Lutheran 4 (Ritter, Plocher, Ramirez, Semenak). Total fouls – Lawrence 13, Lutheran 13. fouled out – Copeman (La). Technical fouls – none.
Records – Lawrence 3-4 BCS White, 4-7 ; Michigan Lutheran 3-3, 4-4.

HOWARDSVILLE CHRISTIAN 52, COUNTRYSIDE 38

Countryside scoring – Lamarion Gordon 9, Jamere Matlock 7, Victor Norris 4, Terrance Allen 8, Jeffery Brown 8, Jay Powell 2.
Howardsville scoring – Jason Jergens 33, Josh Parks 3, Josiah Rose 1, Ethan Johnson 1, Andrew Fund 14.
Records – Countryside 2-4 BCS White, 2-5 ; Howardsville Christian 6-2, 7-3.
Complete results unavailable.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Friday's boys scores
Adrian Lenawee Christian 66, Ann Arbor Greenhills 49
Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 71, Hope of Detroit 40
Allendale 60, Grand Rapids West Catholic 32
Alma 59, Frankenmuth 45
Ann Arbor Huron 58, Ann Arbor Skyline 53
Ann Arbor Pioneer 59, Bedford 44
Armada 41, Imlay City 28
Baldwin 67, Bear Lake 41
Bath 61, Saranac 20
Battle Creek Central 70, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 17
Battle Creek St. Philip 61, Athens 45
Bay City All Saints 54, Carsonville-Port Sanilac 44
Bay City Western 38, Midland 34
Belding 49, Wyoming Lee 36
Belleville 75, Dearborn 59
Bellevue 71, Tekonsha 24
Birmingham Brother Rice 60, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 52
Birmingham Groves 66, Southfield A&T 65
Birmingham Seaholm 49, Royal Oak 45
Blanchard Montabella 56, Ashley 43
Blissfield 71, Brooklyn Columbia Central 52
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 63, Royal Oak Shrine 57
Boyne City 68, Grayling 26
Breckenridge 55, Coleman 50
Brethren 81, Walkerville 43
Bridgeport 72, Standish-Sterling 51
Bridgman 54, Comstock 29
Burton Bendle 99, Burton Atherton 62
Caledonia 34, Grand Haven 26
Camden-Frontier 75, North Adams-Jerome 11
Center Line 54, Marine City 53
Coldwater 54, Jackson Lumen Christi 44
Coloma 61, Watervliet 50
Concord 51, Springport 41
Constantine 65, Galesburg-Augusta 26
Croswell-Lexington 60, Algonac 26
Dearborn Divine Child 62, Detroit Loyola 57
Dearborn Fordson 52, Livonia Churchill 27
Dearborn Heights Annapolis 84, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 44
Detroit Douglass 74, Detroit Osborn 62
Detroit Ford 75, Detroit Cody 50
Detroit Mumford 71, Detroit Collegiate Prep 22
Detroit Pershing 82, Detroit Davis 26
Detroit Renaissance 77, Detroit West Side Academy 35
Detroit U-D Jesuit 68, Saginaw Arthur Hill 57
Dowagiac Union 79, Three Rivers 54
East Lansing 70, Lansing Everett 57
Edwardsburg 53, Vicksburg 43
Ellsworth 57, Boyne Falls 27
Erie-Mason 71, Hudson 33
Fennville 53, Saugatuck 40
Flat Rock 63, New Boston Huron 34
Flushing 76, Fenton 70
Fowlerville 81, St. Johns 53
Fremont 67, Remus Chippewa Hills 41
Gibraltar Carlson 70, Lincoln Park 53
Gobles 73, Martin 66
Goodrich 84, Clio 39
Grand Blanc 80, Kalamazoo Central 73
Grand Rapids Christian 63, Ada Forest Hills Eastern 56
Grand Rapids Union 43, Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills 36
Grosse Ile 76, Monroe Jefferson 58
Hartland 45, Brighton 43
Haslett 67, Lansing Eastern 22
Hastings 58, Marshall 43
Hemlock 67, Millington 48
Holland Calvary 52, Kalamazoo Heritage Christian 34
Holland Christian 39, Holland 32
Holt 61, Grand Ledge 57
Homer 75, Reading 54
Hopkins 51, Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian 46
Howell 50, Canton 48
Hudsonville 62, Rockford 42
Hudsonville Unity Christian 65, Zeeland West 51
Ionia 56, Eaton Rapids 53
Ironwood City Gogebic Michigan 61, Solon Springs, Wis. 51
Ithaca 53, Midland Bullock Creek 49
Jackson Christian 69, Burr Oak 64
Kent City 80, Holton 55
Kingston 56, Flint International 45
Laingsburg 72, Fulton-Middleton 65
Lansing Christian 67, Olivet 61
Lawton 40, Kalamazoo Christian 35
Leslie 70, Vermontville Maple Valley 51
Manistee Catholic Central 62, Mason County Eastern 39
Marcellus 68, Cassopolis 58
Mason County Central 53, Whitehall 44
Mayville 54, Genesee 51
Memphis 60, Capac 40
Meridian 77, Farwell 39
Montague 78, Hart 56
Mount Pleasant 50, Bay City John Glenn 36
Muskegon Mona Shores 55, Muskegon 50
Muskegon Orchard View 52, Ludington 49
Muskegon Reeths-Puffer 61, Spring Lake 50
Muskegon Western Michigan Christian 55, Manistee 25
New Lothrop 48, Durand 33
Oakridge High School 52, North Muskegon 39
Okemos 43, DeWitt 42
Onsted 50, Hillsdale 47
Ortonville Brandon 57, Lake Fenton 48
Otsego 73, Paw Paw 53
Ottawa Lake Whiteford 57, Sand Creek 44
Parchment 69, Niles Brandywine 65
Pentwater 58, Mesick 38
Pewamo-Westphalia 56, Potterville 24
Pittsford 53, Colon 44
Plymouth 64, Novi 54
Portage Northern 50, Mattawan 30
Quincy 58, Jonesville 31
Reese 46, Caro 31
Riverview 66, Milan 55
Rochester Adams 38, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 37
Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 49, Bloomfield Hills Roeper 42
Romulus 60, Dearborn Heights Crestwood 44
Saginaw Heritage 71, Bay City Central 43
Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary 45, St. Louis 25
Saginaw Swan Valley 57, Birch Run 33
Salem 56, Northville 52
Sanford-Meridian 77, Farwell 39
Sault Ste Marie 58, Brimley 43
Schoolcraft 68, Delton Kellogg 30
South Lyon 47, Milford 44
Southfield Christian 78, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 45
St. Charles 63, Saginaw Valley Lutheran 44
Stanton Central Montcalm 72, Howard City Tri-County 53
Stevensville Lakeshore 71, Niles 53
Stockbridge 71, Lake Odessa Lakewood 58
Sturgis 55, Plainwell 48
Swartz Creek 62, Holly 56
Taylor Prep 67, Detroit Community 60
Traverse City Central 65, Marquette 55
Traverse City Christian 61, Charlton Heston 49
Trenton 58, Taylor 43
Troy 62, Oxford 43
Ubly 58, Brown City 43
Utica Ford 54, Romeo 48
Waterford Mott 60, South Lyon East 49
Wayne Memorial 50, Livonia Franklin 33
Webberville 64, Burton Genesee Christian 53
West Bloomfield 57, Lake Orion 51
Westland John Glenn 55, Livonia Stevenson 54
White Cloud 57, Lakeview 46
White Lake Lakeland 44, Walled Lake Western 33
Whitmore Lake 76, Livingston Christian 63
Williamston 51, Mason 28
Wyandotte Roosevelt 52, Allen Park 36
Wyoming 88, East Grand Rapids 60
Wyoming Potter's House Christian 77, Holland Black River 35
Wyoming Tri-unity Christian 65, Zion Christian 30
Wyoming West Michigan Lutheran 65, West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science 62
Yale 56, North Branch 46
Ypsilanti 46, Dexter 45
Ypsilanti Lincoln 68, Chelsea 64

Friday's girls scores
Adrian 59, Jackson 56
Adrian Madison 36, Petersburg Summerfield 24
Alanson def. Alba, forfeit
Almont 52, Richmond 17
Alpena 44, Traverse City Central 39
Ann Arbor Huron 54, Ann Arbor Skyline 13
Auburn Hills Avondale 64, Troy Athens 29
Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 45, Southfield Christian 33
Bad Axe 39, Vassar 22
Battle Creek Central 70, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 16
Battle Creek Harper Creek 40, Parma Western 30
Battle Creek Lakeview 52, Richland Gull Lake 47
Bay City John Glenn 51, Mount Pleasant 32
Bedford 59, Ann Arbor Pioneer 53
Belding 54, Wyoming Lee 13
Big Rapids 42, Grant 15
Boyne City 47, Grayling 18
Brighton 41, Hartland 33
Bronson 47, Union City 33
Brownstown Woodhaven 45, Southgate Anderson 24
Burton Bendle 59, Burton Atherton 14
Byron Center 61, Hamilton 46
Cadillac 66, Gaylord 23
Caledonia 34, Grand Haven 26
Cassopolis 45, Marcellus 32
Cedar Springs 48, Lowell 39
Cedarville 62, Engadine 59
Central Lake 51, Fife Lake Forest Area 41
Charlevoix 51, Harbor Springs 23
Chesaning 43, Ovid-Elsie 28
Clinton 54, Ann Arbor Central Academy 36
Coldwater 63, Jackson Lumen Christi 58
Coloma 41, Watervliet 25
Comstock Park 44, Coopersville 41
Corunna 46, Owosso 33
Croswell-Lexington 37, Algonac 33
DeWitt 51, Okemos 37
Dearborn 66, Belleville 53
Dearborn Heights Annapolis 67, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 47
Dearborn Henry Ford Academy 49, Southfield Bradford Academy 40
Deckerville 74, Carsonville-Port Sanilac 16
Detroit Edison(DEPSA) 54, Bloomfield Hills Marian 32
Dexter 45, Ypsilanti 36
Dollar Bay 43, Republic-Michigamme 32
East Grand Rapids 69, Wyoming 40
East Jackson 51, Vandercook Lake Jackson 42
East Kentwood 66, Grandville 35
East Lansing 71, Lansing Everett 18
Ecorse 60, Detroit Community 12
Edwardsburg 68, Vicksburg 35
Ellsworth 61, Boyne Falls 20
Escanaba 57, Bark River-Harris 49
Ewen-Trout Creek 58, L'Anse 46
Flat Rock 63, New Boston Huron 34
Flint Beecher 45, Burton Bentley 31
Flint Hamady 45, Morrice 22
Flint Kearsley 57, Linden 35
Fowlerville 41, St. Johns 32
Frankenmuth 43, Alma 29
Frankfort 68, Suttons Bay 34
Fremont 56, Remus Chippewa Hills 21
Galesburg-Augusta 47, Constantine 45
Garden City 53, Melvindale 22
Gobles 33, Martin 31
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Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern 58, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 55
Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian 45, Hopkins 38
Grand Rapids South Christian 54, Wayland Union 39
Grand Rapids West Catholic 59, Allendale 33
Grandville Calvin Christian 47, Kelloggsville 39
Grass Lake 71, Napoleon 29
Grosse Pointe North 54, Utica Eisenhower 52
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Hazel Park 58, Madison Heights 14
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Macomb L'Anse Creuse North 46, Fraser 20
Manchester 53, Hanover-Horton 30
Manton 44, McBain 38
Maple City Glen Lake 63, Onekama 50
Marshall 47, Hastings 24
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New Haven 49, Clinton Township Clintondale 20
Niles 70, Stevensville Lakeshore 23
Niles Brandywine 75, Parchment 33
North Dickinson 53, Norway 26
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NBA

Friday's Games
Milwaukee 116, Charlotte 103
Boston 109, Orlando 98
Memphis 125, Detroit 112
Toronto 118, New York 112
Oklahoma City 140, Atlanta 111
Denver 113, New Orleans 106
Houston 131, Minnesota 124
L.A. Clippers 122, Miami 117
Sacramento 98, Chicago 81
Phoenix 103, San Antonio 99
Indiana at Golden State

Today's Games
Dallas at Utah, 5 p.m.
Brooklyn at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phila., 8:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Houston at Denver, 3:30 p.m.
Toronto at San Antonio, 4 p.m.
Boston at New Orleans, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at New York, 6 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Memphis, 6 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Portland, 9 p.m.

MEMPHIS 125, DETROIT 112

MEMPHIS (125)
Crowder 0-2 0-0 0, Jackson Jr. 10-14 5-6 29, Valanciunas 3-9 2-4 8, Brooks 7-15 9-9 27, Morant 6-11 4-4 16, Hill 3-3 0-0 8, Anderson 3-3 0-0 6, Clarke 5-9 5-5 15, Allen 0-1 0-0 0, Jones 0-3 2-2 2, Melton 6-9 1-1 14. Totals 43-79 28-31 125.
DETROIT (112)
Doumbouya 2-4 0-0 5, Mykhailiuk 5-12 2-2 14, Maker 3-4 5-5 11, R.Jackson 4-13 5-7 14, Rose 10-21 2-3 22, King 1-3 0-2 3, Morris 4-14 1-1 9, Wood 5-8 7-9 20, Frazier 0-1 0-0 0, Galloway 5-11 1-2 14. Totals 39-91 23-31 112.

Memphis	**35**	**31**	**26**	**33**	**— 125**
Detroit	**23**	**38**	**24**	**27**	**— 112**

3-Point Goals—Memphis 11-22 (Brooks 4-5, Jackson Jr. 4-8, Hill 2-2, Crowder 0-2), Detroit 11-32 (Wood 3-4, Galloway 3-7, Mykhailiuk 2-7, Doumbouya 1-2, King 1-2, R.Jackson 1-3, Rose 0-2, Morris 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 49 (Clarke 11), Detroit 37 (Maker 8). Assists—Memphis 27 (Morant 12), Detroit 23 (Rose 8). Total Fouls—Memphis 23, Detroit 23. A—14,583 (20,491)

SACRAMENTO 98, CHICAGO 81

SACRAMENTO (98)
Barnes 8-14 3-4 19, Bjelica 5-11 2-2 13, Dedmon 1-1 0-0 2, Bogdanovic 4-10 2-2 12, Fox 5-14 8-9 18, Bazemore 1-7 1-2 3, James 0-0 0-0 0, Tolliver 0-3 0-0 0, Giles III 1-3 0-0 2, Ferrell 0-1 0-0 0, Guy 1-1 0-0 2, Hield 7-12 2-2 21, Joseph 2-4 0-0 6. Totals 35-81 18-21 98.
CHICAGO (81)
Dunn 4-6 1-2 10, Young 4-8 2-2 10, Kornet 2-9 0-0 4, LaVine 8-21 2-3 21, Satoransky 2-7 3-4 8, Felicio 1-1 0-0 2, Hutchison 5-6 1-1 11, Arcidiacono 1-2 0-0 3, Harrison 1-4 0-0 2, Mokoka 0-2 0-0 0, Valentine 1-4 0-0 2, White 2-9 2-2 8. Totals 31-79 11-14 81.

Sacramento	**29**	**25**	**21**	**23**	**— 98**
Chicago	**21**	**23**	**25**	**12**	**— 81**

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 10-32 (Hield 5-9, Joseph 2-3, Bogdanovic 2-7, Bjelica 1-3, Barnes 0-2, Bazemore 0-3, Tolliver 0-3), Chicago 8-37 (LaVine 3-9, White 2-7, Arcidiacono 1-2, Satoransky 1-4, Mokoka 0-2, Valentine 0-2, Young 0-4, Kornet 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 42 (Hield 8), Chicago 43 (Felicio 9). Assists—Sacramento 24 (Fox 7), Chicago 23 (Dunn 6). Total Fouls—Sacramento 20, Chicago 21. A—17,661 (20,917)

GOLF

PGA Tour – Farmers Insurance Open
Friday's Results
s - Torrey Pines GC (South: Host Course); 7,765 yards; Par 72
n - Torrey Pines GC (North); 7,258 yards; Par 72
San Diego
Second Round

Ryan Palmer	72s-62n—134	-10
Brandt Snedeker	69n-67s—136	-8
J.B. Holmes	68s-69n—137	-7
Jhonattan Vegas	69n-68s—137	-7
Sebastian Cappelen	66s-71n—137	-7
Matthew NeSmith	67n-70s—137	-7
Beau Hossler	72s-66n—138	-6
Keegan Bradley	66n-72s—138	-6
Zac Blair	72s-66n—138	-6
Patrick Reed	69n-69s—138	-6
Harry Higgs	70n-68s—138	-6
Cameron Champ	71n-68s—139	-5
Patrick Rodgers	70s-69n—139	-5
Stewart Cink	68n-71s—139	-5
Collin Morikawa	70n-69s—139	-5
Jon Rahm	68n-71s—139	-5
J.J. Spaun	73s-67n—140	-4
Sungjae Im	67n-73s—140	-4
Marc Leishman	68n-72s—140	-4
Sung Kang	69n-71s—140	-4
Bubba Watson	67s-73n—140	-4
Jason Day	73s-67n—140	-4
Jordan Spieth	70s-70n—140	-4
Lucas Glover	73n-67s—140	-4
Brandon Wu	68n-72s—140	-4
Mark Anderson	74s-66n—140	-4
Richy Werenski	72s-68n—140	-4
Joel Dahmen	67n-73s—140	-4
Scott Stallings	71s-69n—140	-4
Billy Horschel	68n-72s—140	-4
Tony Finau	70s-70n—140	-4
Rory McIlroy	67n-73s—140	-4
Hideki Matsuyama	73s-67n—140	-4
Tiger Woods	69n-71s—140	-4
Tyler McCumber	72n-68s—140	-4
Chris Baker	72s-68n—140	-4
Ben Taylor	71s-69n—140	-4

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pedophilia," the attorneys wrote in a court filing. "The Saints realize that if the documents at issue are made public, this professional sports organization also will be smearing itself."

The Saints organization and its attorneys emphatically disputed any suggestion that the team helped the church cover up crimes. In a statement Friday, the Saints said the archdiocese sought its advice on how to handle media attention that would come from its 2018 release of its list of more than 50 clergy members "credibly accused" of sexual abuse.

"The advice was simple and never wavering. Be direct, open and fully transparent, while making sure that all law enforcement agencies were alerted," the team said.

The team added that it has "no interest in concealing information from the press or public" and that it "merely requested the court to apply the normal rules of civil discovery." However, attorneys for the Saints argued in court papers this month that the 2018-19 emails were intended to be private and should not be "fodder for the public."

The archdiocese is also fighting the release of the emails.

The National Football League, which was advised of the matter by plaintiffs' attorneys because the Saints' emails used the team's nfl.com domain, has not commented on the case. NFL policy says everyone who is a part of the league must refrain from "conduct detrimental to the integrity of and public confidence in" the NFL.

A court-appointed special master is expected to hear arguments in the coming weeks on whether the communications should remain confidential.

The Associated Press, which has extensively covered clergy sexual abuse in a series of stories over the past year, filed a motion with the court supporting the release of the documents as a matter of public interest.

"This case does not involve intensely private individuals who are dragged into the spotlight," the AP argued, "but well-known mega-institutions that collect millions of dollars from local residents to support their activities."

Ties between local church leaders and the Saints include a close friendship between New Orleans Archbishop Gregory Aymond and Gayle Benson, who inherited the Saints and the New Orleans Pelicans basketball team when her husband, Tom Benson, died in 2018. The archbishop was at Gayle Benson's side as she walked in the funeral procession.

Gayle Benson has given millions of dollars to Catholic institutions in the New Orleans area, and the archbishop is a regular guest of hers at games and charitable events for the church.

Attorneys for the men suing the church say "multiple" Saints personnel, including Senior Vice President of Communications Greg Bensel, used their team email to advise church officials on "messaging" and how to soften the impact of the archdiocese's release of the list of credibly accused clergy.

"The information at issue bears a relationship to these crimes because it is a continuation of the Archdiocese's pattern and practice of concealing its crimes so that the public does not discover its criminal behavior," the plaintiffs' attorneys wrote. "And the Saints joined in."

Attorneys for the Saints acknowledged in a court filing that the team assisted the archdiocese in its publishing of the list but said that was an act of disclosure – "the opposite of concealment."

In its statement, the team its executives and ownership "remain offended, disappointed and repulsed by the actions of certain past clergy. We remain steadfast in support of the victims who have suffered and pray for their continued healing."

A handful of Saints emails that emerged last year in the clergy abuse litigation included an October 2018 exchange in which Bensel asked an archdiocese spokeswoman whether there might be "a benefit to saying we support a victims right to pursue a remedy through the courts."

"I don't think we want to say we 'support' victims going to the courts," Sarah McDonald, the archdiocese's communications director, replied, "but we certainly encourage them to come forward."

The fight over the emails is part of a flurry of claims filed against the archdiocese over its employment of George F. Brignac, a longtime schoolteacher and deacon who was removed from the ministry in 1988 after a 7-year-old boy accused him of fondling him at a Christmas party. That accusation followed claims that Briganc abused several other boys, including one case that led to his acquittal in 1978 on three counts of indecent behavior with a juvenile.

Church officials permitted Brignac, 85, to act as a lay minister until local news accounts of his service in 2018 prompted his ouster and an apology from the archdiocese. The AP last year reported that Brignac, despite his supposed defrocking, also maintained access to schoolchildren and held leadership roles as recently as 2018 in the Knights of Columbus.

Following a new wave of publicity – in which Brignac told a reporter he had touched boys but never for "immoral purposes" – Brignac was indicted last month on a rape charge that could land him behind bars for the rest of his life. The prosecution came more than a year after a former altar boy told police that Brignac repeatedly raped him beginning in the late 1970s. Police said the abuse began when the boy was 7 and continued until he was 11.

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bluffs.

But it wasn't pretty for everyone.

Woods opened his round with four putts from 25 feet for a double bogey, and then a spurt of birdies around the turn to get some momentum, only to stall the rest of the way for a 71 that left him six shots behind.

At least he's still playing.

Phil Mickelson was wild again off the tee and shot 73 on the North to miss the cut by two shots. He also missed the cut in the desert last week. The other other time Mickelson missed the cut in consecutive PGA Tour events to start the year was in 1988. He was 17, and those were the only two tour events he played.

Joining him with a weekend off were defending champion Justin Rose, Xander Schauffele, Rickie Fowler and U.S. Open champion Gary Woodland.

Palmer was worried about the cut when he was 3 over through eight holes on the South in the first round. He rallied to shoot 72 and carried that momentum into Friday.

"I knew today when I got out here, the low rounds were out here," Palmer said. "A good 5-, 6- under par round was to be had. I just took what I had and it turned into a 62. So driving the ball great and I was able to finally get some putts to go in. And the golf course with the par 5s reachable and No. 11 as well, it's a golf course you can take if you're hitting it well. "

Palmer, who lost in a playoff at Torrey Pines two years ago, was at 10-under 134.

Snedeker, who won the wind-blown edition of this event in 2016, renewed his love affair for poa annua greens and shot 67 on the South to get into the final group, along with J.B. Holmes, whose 69 left him three shots behind.

Woods has won eight times as a pro at Torrey (including the U.S. Open) and twice at Pebble Beach (including the U.S. Open) and twice at La Costa in the Match Play (no U.S. Opens there). He knows poa. And this time he says it wasn't his friend, at least at the start.

His 25-foot birdie putt up the hill was wide left, leaving him 30 inches. Woods missed the hole on that one, and it ran down the slope about 5 1/2 feet away. And then he missed the next one.

"It's just poa," he said. "I tried to ram it in the hole and it bounced, and hit obviously a terrible third putt, pulled it. The second putt, it's just what happens on poa. I tried to take the break out and it just bounced."

The bounced it on four birdies in a five-hole stretch through the 10th hole, but he didn't make another birdie until the 18th for his 71 that put him in the group at 4-under 140.

Jordan Spieth (70), Jason Day (67) and Rory McIlroy (73) also were at 140.

Snedeker fell in love with Torrey when he tied the North Course record with a 61 as a rookie in 2007, shared the 54-hole lead and finished third behind Woods.

"Puts a smile on my face. I love being here. I love the challenge that Torrey Pines brings. I love the greens," Snedeker said. "When I come here, I'm always in a good mood, which when you get on poa annua is probably half the battle."

He's been around long enough to know the next two days, anything can happen. Sixteen players were separated by five shots for the final two rounds on the South.

Not to be overlooked was Woods, going for his record 83rd victory on the PGA Tour. Woods was nine shots behind after 36 holes when he shot 62-65 to win in

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Vermont skiier completes 110-mountain challenge

By CHRIS MAYS
Brattleboro Reformer

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — A self-induced challenge to climb then ski down all 110 of Vermont's major mountains led Spencer Crispe to places he describes as some of "the best kept secrets" – and where he was able to do some of most enjoyable skiing of his life.

"Vermont is just so beautiful," he said. "It just reaffirmed, in my opinion, how beautiful the state is and how suited a lot of the terrain is for backcountry skiing and what not."

Crispe, a local attorney and West Brattleboro resident who is a ninth generation Vermonter, finished the challenge Jan. 5 at Middle Jay after four winters of skiing. He had already skied a bunch of the mountains and climbed all 110 during non-winter months.

"I was like, maybe I could climb them in winter, which would be a cool challenge, and ski them all," he said. "I had this idea to be the first person to ski every major mountain in Vermont."

As far as he knows, Crispe has accomplished that feat. He said he hangs out in "bushwhacking and mountaineering circles," and knows he is the first Vermonter to climb all the mountains in winter. He's aware of two other people who have done so.

"But to the best of my knowledge, no one's ever skied them all," he said.

Crispe recalled learning how to ski around 1981. His father taught him at Living Memorial Park in Brattleboro around the age of 3. His grandfather had been one of the founders of Stratton Mountain Resort.

On his recent escapades, Crispe was sometimes joined by his wife or a couple of his friends. But for many, he went alone.

"I had to take extra steps to be safe," he said. "Because like I said, I don't want this to be like the movie '127 Hours,' where I have to cut off my arm to survive."

The highest climbs for Crispe included Mount Mansfield (4,393 feet), Killington Peak (4,235 feet), Mount Ellen and Camel's Hump (both at 4,083), Mount Abraham (4,006 feet), Pico Peak (3,957 feet), Stratton Mountain (3,940 feet), Jay Peak (3,858 feet) and Equinox Mountain (3,850). Every peak was 3,000 feet or higher in elevation, according to a list provided to the Reformer.

While some of the mountains are also resorts made to ski, Crispe climbed others where the path down was much harder to discern.

"I love the freedom of being off trail," he said. "It's like the coloring book where you don't have to color within the lines. You have the freedom to go anywhere and explore."

Even where the mountains offered chairlift rides, Crispe would still hike up. He always used snowshoes, which he would carry on

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Wisconsin DNR to gauge reaction to deer hunt changes

By TODD RICHMOND
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin wildlife officials agreed Wednesday to ask gun deer hunters this spring whether they would support wholesale changes to the sport, including tacking another 10 days onto the state's traditional nine-day season in November.

Hunters killed dramatically fewer deer during the most recent November season, sounding another round of warning bells for a sport struggling to retain participants.

The Department of Natural Resources board ordered the agency to submit six questions on the future of hunting to attendees at the Wisconsin Conservation Congress' spring hearings in April.

The questions ask if attendees would support: extending the season to 19 days; eliminating the four-day December antlerless-only hunt; and prohibiting hunting for two or five days leading up to the start of the November gun season.

The agency will also ask if people would support limiting the crossbow season to the month of October and restarting it after the November gun season ends. The crossbow season currently runs from mid-September to early January, in concurrence with the archery season.

The final question asks if people would support invalidating crossbow and archery buck tags during the November gun season. Hunters could still legally use crossbows and bows instead of firearms but would need firearm tags for any kills.

"Let's shore up the gun season again," board member Greg Kazmierski said. "We've taken it for granted for so long."

DNR records show total gun deer license sales dropped nearly 16 percent between 1994 and last year. Sales to Wisconsin residents have dropped nearly by nearly 20 percent over that span.

Hunters across all seasons, including the archery, bow and firearm seasons, killed nearly 50,000 fewer deer in 2019 than in 2018, a 14 percent decrease. The November gun season saw the steepest drop-off; hunters killed 168,091 deer in 2019, down 23.5 percent from 219,715 in 2018.

DNR officials blamed the drop-off on the season's late start. Statutes require the season to begin the Saturday before Thanksgiving, which fell as late as it ever can this year after the rut was all but

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Photos provided / Brad Anderson
A male northern cardinal perches near the bird feeder of Brad and Hannah Anderson of Bridgman on Jan. 20.

A female northern cardinal near the bird feeder of Brad and Hannah Anderson of Bridgman on Jan. 20.

Northern Cardinals now common in area

Jonathan Wuepper
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

The northern cardinal, currently a common and beloved bird across the eastern United States and southern Canada, was virtually, if not completely absent from Michigan until the 1890s.

Historic records indicate the northern cardinal was rare north of the Wabash River valley in Indiana until the 1890s and early 1900s, when a northward range expansion occurred. One of the first northern cardinal records from Southwest Michigan occurred in 1898, when a young boy told a local ornithologist he had shot a "red blue jay" near Bangor. Records indicate that the cardinal became a common resident in Southwest Michigan by the 1920s or early 1930s.

One main factor responsible for the cardinals north range expansion is habitat change from large expansive forests that covered most of the region until the middle 1800s, to farmland and suburban landscapes. Cardinals prefer forest edges with undergrowth,

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Photo provided
Eastern bluebirds visit a feeder in Lincoln Township this month.

Warren Dunes

Volunteer stewardship work day: 1-4 p.m. Jan 26. Meet at the picnic ground between the park headquarters and the campground. Volunteers will help remove non-native woody bushes and vines from dune areas. No experience is necessary. Dress for the weather, bring a pair of work gloves and hand trimmers if you have them. For more information, contact Heidi M. Frei at freih@michigan.gov.

Sarett Nature Center

Wine, glide and dine: 6-9 p.m. Jan. 25. Ski (or walk if there is no snow) over Sarett's trails. Bring a head light to help navigate. Stop to enjoy a fire and hot cider or mulled wine. The trail will end at the nature center where coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be waiting. Bring a dish to pass, your own table service and favorite beverage. Cost is $5 ($3 for members). Call 927-4832 to register.

Winter bird outing: 10 a.m. Feb. 1. A group will travel to where the birds are – it could be Allegan State Game Area for eagle watching or around Berrien County for snowy owls. Plan to make a morning and early afternoon of it. Dress for the weather. Cost is $15 ($10 for members). Call 927-4832 to register.

Fernwood Botanical Garden

Wild Ones meeting: 12:30 p.m. Jan. 26. Meetings held the last Sunday of each month. Get involved with restoring native plants, natural landscapes, and pollinators to your backyard and local community. For more information on Wild Ones, please visit www.wildones.org or contact Heather Catania at skaarcat@aol.com.

Winter exploration for kids: 2-4 p.m. Feb. 1. Children ages 6-10 explore the wintry trails to look for animal tracks and other winter features. Dress for walking the trails. Cost is $10 ($8 for members).

Berrien County Sportsman's Club

Trap and skeet shooting: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays.

Coloma Rod & Gun Club

Carrying concealed weapon classes: 8 a.m.-5 p.m second Saturday of each month. Cost is $105. Call Andrew Zachary at 351-2051 or 944-7802.

Trap shooting: Thursdays 6-10 p.m. and Sundays from 8 a.m.-noon.

Archery: Ranges open for members at any time; public

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McKinnis memoir a perfect winter read

Dave Mull

The fishing industry lost a giant when Jerry McKinnis, television host, producer and just a nice guy, died in early November at the age of 82.

Most of you readers over the age of 40 will likely remember "The Fishin' Hole," which had a 44-year run, syndicated to 125 TV stations across North America, and became the first outdoor show on the new ESPN network. It ended up as the second longest running show on ESPN, beaten only by SportsCenter.

When McKinnis passed, I read various tributes about what a great guy he was, how he demanded perfection in himself, his team and his shows (he produced many others), and one article mentioned he'd written a memoir called "Bass Fishing, Brown Dogs and Curveballs." On a whim, I ordered a copy via Amazon for $20. It was money well spent. I got it a couple of weeks ago, and was pleased to see it's a big hardback book suitable for a coffee table, full of pictures and anecdotes about different friends and incidents in a very full life of fishing—and lots of hard, hard work. McKinnis started writing it in 2013 when he was 76 years old and finished it about a year later.

If you remember how McKinnis narrated "The Fishin' Hole" in his folksy, down-to earth manner, you'll hear his voice as you read this book. He wrote it in the same way he talked.

If you think that the guys who produce fishing shows have a life of ease, read this book. You'll soon realize just how much work goes in to putting a fishing show together.

McKinnis walks us through the decades, starting in the 1940s, when he was a child living in St. Louis and nuts about fishing. Even though his bus mechanic father was not a big fisherman, he took Jerry frequently. After his dad died at age 75 with Jerry's company well established, McKinnis ended every show with these words written across the screen: "Dedicated to Dad. He always had time to take me fishing."

Bass fishing plays a heavy role in the book and in McKinnis's life. He ended up part owner of the Bass Anglers Sportsmen's Society (BASS), which is the parent company of many tournaments, publisher of "Bassmaster Magazine" and "The Bassmasters" TV show. Brown dogs were a big part of his life as in his 40s, his sister gave him a dachshund named Norman—again, folks who watched the show will remember part of the intro was the wiener dog Norman diving off a bank 4 or 5 feet above the water of a pond where McKinnis and a friend are fishing.

Curveballs is part of the title because McKinnis was as passionate about baseball as he was about fishing. After high school he played in the minor leagues as a pitcher for almost two years before asking to be released.

He offers anecdotes about all three topics, mostly about fishing

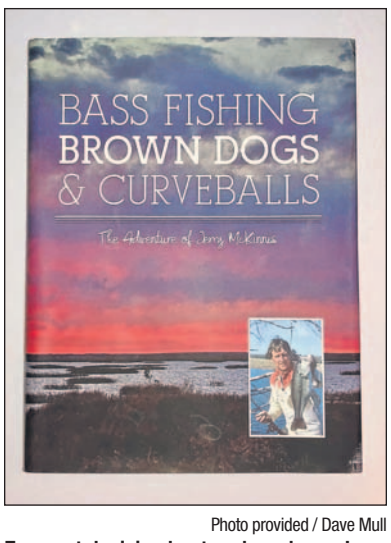

Photo provided / Dave Mull
Former television host and producer Jerry McKinnis shared his memoirs in "Bass Fishing, Brown Dogs and Curveballs".

and the guests he had on his show. For instance, starting in 1982, then-Indiana basketball coach Bobby Knight became a frequent guest. A recently hired cameraman,

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his back on the way down.

Crispe called some of the terrain "too chaotic" to even consider using cross country skiing skins to climb up, something he said he's never done in his life. He used light-weight alpine touring boots, which are compatible with snowshoes. He strapped his skis to his back.

With many miles to cover, Crispe said he would try to carry as little as possible. He brought several items including two sleeping bags, a military-grade satellite phone, a small knife, a small saw, headlamps, batteries, materials to start a fire and extra gloves, shirts and jackets. He said he would eat a lot before a trek and bring power bars. He estimated his backpack would weigh between 10 and 12 pounds with all the gear packed inside.

Crispe said he never claimed to ski the bigger mountains fast.

"I would take ridiculously slow s-turns when it was thick," he said of the heavily forested areas.

The whole project included "nonstop big challenges," Crispe said before describing a mini-avalanche he had briefly been swept into on Big Jay. "Once all the snow accumulating hit trees, it stopped but it definitely scared the hell out of me."

Crispe said some of the more difficult mountains, such as Dewey Mountain, are not meant to be skied. There were several instances where he had to take off his skis to get out of a rough spot. He described areas where balsam and red spruce "grow like prison bars ... where it's almost impenetrable."

But Crispe said he made every effort to keep his skis on from the summit of a mountain to the road or trailhead. He suggested the next person to take up the challenge might find ways to get down on their skis no matter what.

His love of nature and outdoors helped bring on the project. He said he also loves the idea of a "ludicrous challenge."

One of his goals is to promote getting outdoors.

"I feel very strongly that the more society gets sucked into cyberspace and social media and cell phones, there gets to be an increasing divide with nature and humans, and I don't think that's good for our physical or mental health," he said. "And everyone knows there's an opioid problem and the outdoors is better than heroin. And so encouraging Vermonters, encouraging people, in these healthy, recreational pursuits I think is a tremendous thing."

Another point he's making is that hiking doesn't cost anything. Crispe said he skied 93 days last year and only paid once.

It's his belief that skiing should be available to everyone.

"You shouldn't be financially shut out of skiing," he said, adding that by hiking, a person gets exercise and doesn't have to pay for a lift ticket. "I'm not trying to knock ski areas. They're important to Vermont's economy. It's not affordable to a lot of people but there's ways to make it so there's still ways you can ski."

His next challenge?

"I can never run out of ideas," he said.

His hope is to finish climbing the 46 peaks of the Adirondack Mountains during the winter. When he says winter, he limits himself to the 12 weeks designated as winter in the calendar.

"So you only have 12 precious weeks to do this," he said.

On non-winter weekends over the last six-and-a-half years, Crispe has been trying to climb all 770 mountain summits above 3,000 feet in the northeastern United States. He said he still has 29 peaks left to climb in Maine.

Crispe is the chairman of the Wilmington Trails Committee, which he has served on for more than 10 years. He also sits on the Brattleboro Area Skatepark Is Coming Committee.

Outdoors programming has changed over the years

By DENNIS ANDERSON
Star Tribune (Minneapolis) (TNS)

MINNEAPOLIS — Beginning in 1965 and continuing through 1986, "The American Sportsman" was broadcast on ABC, hosted by Curt Gowdy.

Gowdy was an outdoorsman and broadcast journalist who stumbled across the show's concept when ABC sent him to Argentina to fish with world famous angler Joe Brooks. The segment was slotted in an episode of ABC's "Wide World of Sports."

"The public reaction was so strong a new series was born," Gowdy, who died in 2006 at the age of 86, later recalled.

At its core, "The American Sportsman" was a call to adventure that reflected and validated the interests of its viewers, while also transporting them, vicariously, to places they might never visit. In those respects, the show was a film version of American outdoor storytelling that began around campfires in the 1700s.

So much has happened in the centuries since, particularly in the past 50 years, that Gowdy might not recognize the outdoors broadcasting "industry."

Now, as many Minnesotans settle in for a long winter of more "watching" than "doing," they'll see changes among hunting and fishing shows.

Some hosts are handing their "star" duties to sons or daughters. And more outdoors viewing options than ever are available online.

Fresh and wholesome as the adventures it portrayed, "The American Sportsman" was broadcast largely without commercial references. The story was the focus of Gowdy's show, as were the people he featured with a gun in hand, or rod and reel. Bing Crosby was among these, as were William Shatner and others.

Fast forward to 1979, when "In-Fisherman Television," hosted by Brainerd's Al Lindner (and his brother, Ron) first aired.

A spinoff of the Lindners' In-Fisherman magazine, "In-Fisherman Television" wasn't TV's first fishing show; Southerners Bill Dance and Roland Martin, among others, were already on the air. But the Lindners carved out a unique space: As was the goal with their magazine, their intent was to teach viewers how to catch fish.

In the years since, Minnesotans have played key roles in the evolution of outdoors TV. Ted Capra was among these, as are, more recently, Lee and Tiffany Lakosky and Pat and Nicole Reeve. So, too, Babe Winkelman of Brainerd, who started his broadcast, "Good Fishing," in 1980.

Winkelman caught a break in 1983 when the makers of Deep Woods Off! insect repellent cast him as a burly outdoorsman-spokesman. Catapulted onto a national stage, Winkelman soon began filming half-hour fishing broadcasts, followed, in time, by a hunting show, "Outdoor Secrets."

Unseen to viewers of outdoors TV shows are the financial negotiations that underpin their broadcasts. In most cases, the air time or "space" on a station or network is bought by a show producer, who then sells advertising to pay for a program's costs, while also, hopefully, yielding a profit.

Over time, in this matrix, advertisers have required more and more product placement and endorsement within the programs themselves. Depending on a viewer's sensibilities, the sight of a TV host wearing branded clothing while touting the advantages of, say, a particular fishing line or lure is either mildly off-putting or a complete turnoff.

Mitch Petrie, vice president of programming for Outdoor Sportsman Group Networks, which owns Outdoor Channel and Sportsman Channel, says outdoors TV is unique in its relationship to advertisers.

"The outdoors TV market was built on serving the outdoor enthusiast," said Petrie, who lives in the Twin Cities. "The people who were paying for it were, and are, for the most part equipment manufacturers. Some shows can be overly commercial. But most viewers have become accustomed to it."

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a young guy named Mark DeLinde set up a shot that would be terrific if coach Knight could hook a smallmouth and bring it by a certain rock. Knight hooked a fish on his fly, but it jumped off.

McKinnis writes: "DeLinde than had the nerve to say, 'Holy cow coach. I worked 15 minutes to get ready for that shot. Eddie Sutton (then the head basketball coach at Kentucky) would have caught that fish.'

"Well, coach Knight picked a paddle up and it looked like a windmill blade as it sailed over Mark's head and he shouted, 'You little SOB, you haven't worked for Jerry long enough to talk to me like that.'"

I think the people who will like this book the best are themselves older bass anglers who can remember fishing before electronics, sleek bass boats and other modern marvels. McKinnis takes us back to that simpler time and details many of the events that he experienced that helped bring the sport to where it is today.

The book's subtitle is "The Adventure of Jerry McKinnis." Note the singular "adventure," not "adventures." McKinnis breaks down the small events in his life that led him to become so successful in the fishing industry, occasionally stating something he truly believed: "Be assured that everything is happening exactly as it's supposed to."

This is an entertaining and inspirational book to read on a cold winter day.

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shrubs, bushes and other vegetation which offer shelter near food sources. Farm grain such as corn and oats are thought to be factors aiding the cardinals northward expansion.

A snowy owl was reported on January 15, seen on the ground on the north side of Linco Road between North and South Scottdale Roads, just inside the boundary of Royalton Township by Charley McKelvy of Harbert. The owl was not relocated after the initial sighting.

On Sunday, January 19, I paid a visit to Sarett Nature Center east of Benton Harbor. While there I noticed two male red-winged blackbirds at the nature center feeders. Red-winged blackbirds are common in our region from March through November. The winter just to our south and are one of the first spring migrants to reach Southwest Michigan. However, small numbers of red-winged blackbirds occasionally over winter in Berrien County and I believe the individuals seen at the Sarett feeders fall into this category, as they have been seen throughout the winter.

Eastern bluebirds are permanent residents in the region, and their bright blue plumage can be eye catching when contrasted against snow. The species may visit suet feeders or meal worms left for them in backyards. This week I was sent a photo of two male and one female eastern bluebirds at a Lincoln Township feeder.

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over and deer had stopped moving.

Board Chairman Fred Prehn said extending the November season would give gun hunters more opportunity. Prohibiting hunting in the week leading up to opening day would create a buzz about the season starting, and doing away with management zones could simplify regulations, he said.

Limiting the crossbow season could help re-energize the gun season, Kazmierski said. According to the DNR, 42 percent of all registered bucks were killed before the November gun season began. That indicates that crossbow hunters are leaving fewer bucks for gun season, and that could be prompting hunters to stay home, he said.

Prehn also asked DNR Secretary Preston Cole to develop a five-year plan to bolster big-game hunting in Wisconsin and present it to the board in the next six to 12 months.

The secretary appeared lukewarm to the idea, saying the DNR shies away from the word "plan" because things change. He said he would take the order "under advisement" and will probably come back with some recommendations.

The Conservation Congress is a group of sportsmen who advise the DNR on policy. The congress holds simultaneous public hearings in every Wisconsin county each spring to gauge support for dozens of ideas and proposals. This year's meeting is set for April 13.

In addition to presenting questions on the DNR's behalf, the congress surveys attendees on other proposals. The April agenda includes questions measuring support on starting the November gun deer season on the Saturday closest to Nov. 15, ensuring the hunt would take place during the rut. Such a change would take legislative approval.

Other questions include raising bear and deer license fees for out-of-state hunters and reinstating earn-a-buck, the DNR's much-maligned herd management program that required hunters to shoot an antlerless deer before they could take a buck. Republican lawmakers outlawed the program in 2011. The congress asserts that no other herd management tool has been as effective as earn-a-buck.

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Boyne Highlands: 4:46p machine groomed 48-48 base 51 of 55 trails 93 percent open, 433 acres, 8 of 10 lifts, Mon/Tue: 9a-4:30p, Wed-Fri: 9a-9p Sat: 9a-9p Sun: 9-4:30p

Boyne Mountain: 4:51p machine groomed 42-42 base 51 of 60 trails 85 percent open, 341 acres, 7 of 12 lifts, sm Mon/Tue: 9a-4:30p Wed-Fri: 9a-9p Sat: 9a-9p Sun: 9a-4:30p

Cannonsburg: 9:28a variable machine groomed 24-24 base 22 of 22 trails 100 percent open, 7 of 10 lifts, Mon: 4p-9pTue-Fri: 10a-9p Sat: 9a-10p Sun: 10a-9p

Crystal Mountain: 7:04a machine groomed 48-56 base 58 of 58 trails 100 percent open, 98 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon: 9a-9pTue: 9a-4:30p Wed-Fri: 9a-9p Sat/Sun: 9a-9p

Otsego Resort: 3:30p machine groomed 24-36 base 29 of 30 trails 97 percent open, 4 of 6 lifts, sm Wed/Thu: 3:30p-8:30pFri: 12-8:30p Sat: 9a-8:30p Sun: 9a-4p Open

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hours are 8 a.m.-noon Sundays and Thursdays 6-10.

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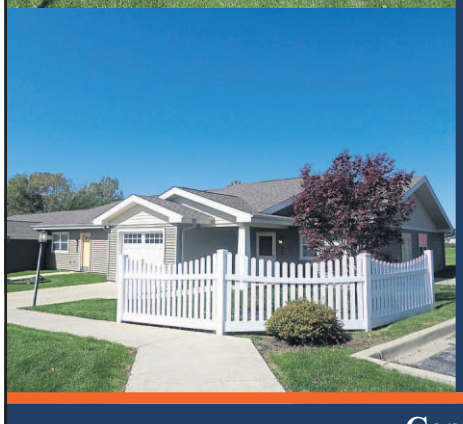

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Kenneth "Captain Ken" Kloster Sr. pilots his boat to his home on Dollar Island in Les Cheneaux Islands on Nov. 23. He bought the island in 1981 right before the record-setting high water levels of 1986.

A WATER WONDERLAND

Residents near the Great Lakes wonder: How do you handle a generation's worth of water level changes in just a few years?

By TONY BRISCOE • Chicago Tribune

CEDARVILLE, Mich. — On a frigid morning in late fall, resort owner Mark Engle studied the mangled planks and dock posts scattered along an ice-glazed channel that feeds into Lake Huron.

Les Cheneaux Landing Resort, tucked behind an archipelago of 36 islands off Michigan's eastern Upper Peninsula, once had a 175-foot dock with slips for a dozen boats, a boathouse and a bait shop.

In the past two years, Lake Huron rose through the floorboards of both buildings and overtopped the adjoining dock. Now, the weather-beaten boathouse sits stoically marooned, beset on all sides by crystal clear water.

All that Engle has left to carry him through the next tourist season is a small makeshift dock.

"Man can't seem to make anything big enough, strong enough to maintain an advantage over the lake," Engle said. "I've been dealing with Lake Huron since 1982. And I'm afraid the lake is winning the battle."

Near-record high lake levels have astonished residents and business owners in the tiny hamlet of Cedarville, an unincorporated waterfront community built around boating. The consternation isn't solely from the high water – in 1986, lake levels were slightly higher – it's also from the pace of the rise. Less than seven years earlier, many docks and boathouses were sitting on dry land.

In 2013, Lake Huron bottomed out, hitting its lowest mark in more than a century, as did Lake Michigan, which shares the same water levels, according to data from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Around that time, the lake withdrew so far from the shore around Engle's resort – then a collection of 12 rustic cabins and three docks – that mud was all that remained beneath his boathouse.

In just 3 1/2 years, levels rose more than 4 feet and last summer peaked at nearly 6 feet above the record low.

"We're living in a time period of extremes," Engle said, looking out at a waterfront that has morphed into a graveyard of flotsam. "If you look at what's happened in the last five or six years, it's kind of scary. Very scary. And it's out of our control."

A dock of an old boathouse at Snows Channel at Les Cheneaux Islands has been dismantled or washed away.

Nowhere is coastal volatility more evident than Lake Huron, home to 30,000 of the Great Lakes' 35,000 islands and its longest shoreline. Commerce, ecology and recreation all suffer the consequences of the erratic highs and lows of the lake.

Lake levels are governed by precipitation, runoff and evaporation, an equation that's extremely difficult to forecast over six months, let alone over several decades, according to scientists. But foremost researchers on Great Lakes hydrology say they believe climate change is contributing to these steep swings between lows and highs, and could become more pronounced in the future.

"There's no way we can heat the Earth, change the moisture budget and not expect it to have an impact on the lake levels," said Richard B. Rood, a professor in the University of Michigan's Department of Climate and Space Sciences and Engineering.

Climate change is amplifying variability in lakes that are naturally predisposed to fluctuation. Unlike lakes Ontario and Superior, which are regulated by dams and binational regulatory boards, lakes Michigan and Huron, measured as one body of water because they are connected at the Straits of Mackinac, have no such controls and consequently have experienced the greatest variation from record low to high in the Great Lakes.

"I think it's reasonable to expect in the next 10 to 30 years, perhaps longer, one of the main outcomes of climate change might be more variability, higher highs and lower lows," Rood said.

Scientists say human activity is changing the planet's climate faster than at any point in modern civilization, heralding costly and, in some cases, life-threatening consequences in every region of the country, according to NOAA's comprehensive 2018 report on global warming.

As the amount of heat-trapping greenhouse gases has spiked over the past century, the Earth's warmer atmosphere is capable of holding additional moisture, which scientists say is resulting in more frequent and severe storms.

Across the Great Lakes region, precipitation has increased 14 percent, and the frequency of heavy storms has risen 35 percent since 1951, contributing to widespread flooding. In the past two years, the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio each have endured a string of 12 consecutive months that have been the wettest in 124 years.

Water has filled the Great Lakes to the brim, affecting the entire region, from the most famous island in the Great Lakes – Mackinac Island, where parts of its 8-mile bike path and walking trail have been closed due to powerful waves – to the lesser known but just as picturesque Les Cheneaux Islands (meaning "the channels" in French).

Twenty miles east of the Straits of Mackinac, the rugged and heavily wooded shorelines of Les Cheneaux Islands serve as a major migratory pathway for birds. They are home to some of the most pristine wetlands in the Great Lakes, serving as a vitally important fish habitat. Myriad wildlife traverse the rugged terrain, including black bears, gray wolves, beavers, muskrats and minks. And, tourism is the bedrock of many communities. The full-time population of around 2,000 people triples in the summer.

Here, it's just as common, if not more so, for visitors to arrive by boat rather than by car. For locals, it is a rite of passage for children as young as 10 to learn to captain a boat. The area is known for its collection of antique wooden boats, specifically the sleek, mahogany Chris-Crafts of the early 20th century.

But the area is beholden to water.

An economic rise and fall

On a misty weekday morning, the serpentine waterways of Les Cheneaux Islands were covered by a veil of ice. Chad Cortes and his crew threw on heavy-duty canvas coveralls over multiple hoodies and cast off into the solitary waters.

Cortes, owner of North Shore Docking, keeps a full calendar. He constructs docks over the summer and chops timber in the winter. On this day, he was clearing a passage through the ice.

A pontoon boat attached to a steel barge became a makeshift ice breaker. The water was still, save for the hum of the boat motor and the crackling of ice as they wended through Snows Channel. The signs of devastation were all around them.

The water lapped precariously close to the exclusive Les Cheneaux Club, established in 1888 as the meeting place of the area's pioneering families, on Marquette Island. Alligator Island was virtually submerged, with only treetops sprouting above water.

Pointing to a home where water encroached the backyard, Cortes said the owner had considered installing stone barriers for protection. However, those plans have been dashed. Once land is covered with water, according to state and federal law, it's no longer private property – it's a public thoroughfare.

"Right now, he's in the process of trying to apply for permits to protect his yard, but the Corps of Engineers and the (state of Michigan) say that's no longer his yard," Cortes said. "For 30 years, it was his yard, and it's not his property anymore."

Most docks in the Les Cheneaux area are crib docks, sturdy structures built on top of wood-framed boxes filled with large stones. When lake levels fluctuate, these docks may need to be raised or extended.

In recent years, many property owners have transitioned to the more expensive and less durable floating docks. These hybrid structures are solidly anchored to the shoreline like crib docks, but the majority of the structure rests atop a buoyant platform that rises and

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Dollar Island at Les Cheneaux Islands on Lake Huron in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan is shown on Nov. 23.

GREAT LAKES

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falls with the water.

Regardless of the choice of dock, property owners are often left waiting. Obtaining required permits from the Army Corps could take several months. And even when plans are rubber-stamped, the handful of local dock companies are booked for more than a year.

This year alone, Cortes' four-man team installed around 35 temporary stake docks and 10 crib docks.

"It's definitely made for the busiest year of my life," he said. "We've seen every company in town, whether its construction or docking, just swamped with work."

Though Lake Huron's levels peaked for the year in July, dock builders like Cortes are expecting a lot more work in 2020 as the water has remained uncharacteristically high into the winter months.

Lake levels are expected to top monthly records in January and February, when ice cover in the Great Lakes is generally at its highest. The combination of high water and ice, Cortes said, is a recipe for shoreline damage.

When water freezes and turns into ice, it expands and drives into the shoreline. Sturdy dock posts and cribs can typically withstand these forces. But when water levels creep up to the walls of boathouses or the planks of docks, the ice can push and pry them from their mooring.

James Keighley, center, owner of Patrick's Landing, talks to Mark Engle, at right, owner of the nearby Les Cheneaux Landing resort, and Chad Cortes, of North Shore Docks, on Nov. 20. Cortes and his workers are rebuilding docks at Patrick's Landing.

Shane Sutter breaks ice from a barge on Snows Channel at Les Cheneaux Islands on Nov. 20.

Rhythm of the water

By this summer, Engle only had one permanent dock left where guests could tie up their boats, and it barely stood above water. Built in the early 1900s, the storied, wooden dock had welcomed steamboats carrying visitors from Mackinaw City at a time when most could only arrive to the cloistered lakefront community of Cedarville by boat.

The stalwart landing had withstood decades of capricious lake levels, storms, drought and harsh Michigan winters. An October storm destroyed it.

Now Engle fears it's only a matter of time before vacationers go elsewhere.

"They know what's going on, but are they really going to come back year after year if they don't know if they'll have a place to tie their boat? Not knowing if the beach is washed out, not knowing if you can take a walk down here and keep your feet dry," he said. "It really does have an effect on our business."

A limestone quarry is the largest employer. A casino in the neighboring community supports a fair number of jobs. There's also work in timbering and selling lumber in the densely forested outpost (how Cedarville earned its name). But the vitality of the community depends on tourism, according to Elliot Nelson, an educator with the Michigan Sea Grant.

"Tourism is the lifeblood of the community," Nelson said. "So water levels like this impact everything up here. It's not just 'I can't get to my summer home.' It's, 'My whole resort that I make a living off of is flooding, and there's not as many people coming.' And less people come up during the summer, and the grocery stores are suffering."

Because much of the shoreline is sheltered, the Les Cheneaux waterways are known for their remarkably placid waters. Even when storms stir up waves on the outer banks of the islands, the channels remain mostly calm.

However, the community has always moved with the rhythm of the water. And both past and present residents have described the mysterious way the water swiftly rises and falls, not only seasonally or over the years but in a matter of hours.

Claude Dablon, a Jesuit missionary who lived in Cedarville in the mid-17th century, brooded over the phenomenal oscillation in historical records:

"Inconvenience arises from the tides, concerning which no fixed rules can be given. ... We have at times noted such irregularity – in this action, and again such precision, that we cannot yet pronounce upon the principle of these movements, so regular and again so irregular."

Today the water still behaves irregularly.

One November morning, less than a mile downstream from Engle's resort, a surreal sight greeted passers-by: a boathouse drifting in the tranquil waters. The night before, an unexpected rise buoyed water levels roughly a foot, contorting an 80-foot pier and unmooring the building.

Still, mainlanders, like Engle, have reason to be grateful.

Peering out at Dollar Island, a tiny spit of land in the middle of Snows Channel where water has sidled up to the frame of a house, Engle wondered about his neighbor. For Kenneth Kloster Sr., there is no inland retreat.

"He's in real trouble," Engle said.

But Kloster was unperturbed as he recalled how he lucked into his unique home.

While vacationing at a colleague's home on nearby Marquette Island in the summer of 1981, Kloster noticed a man nailing a sign to the Dollar Island boathouse. He hopped into his powerboat and cruised over.

"And lo and behold, there it was: a for sale sign," Kloster recalled. "Three days later, I owned it. That was meant to be. It was a million-to-one chance that would happen."

A number of tales surround how the island got its name, but according to records, the federal government sold the island in the 1800s for a dollar. Kloster insists it was named for a fur trader who lost the island in a wager that was settled for a dollar.

For nearly four decades, the island has been Kloster's slice of paradise. He treasures the sights and sounds of boats passing by between Cedarville and the neighboring town of Hessel, and the remarkable stargazing.

But the lawn with the fire pit is underwater. "The cave," an outdoor domelike structure where Kloster once told his children scary stories, has been flooded. And the gazebo attached to the house by a walkway has been weighted down with large stones to keep it from drifting away.

Despite the circumstances, Kloster is an ardent optimist. He's living in the home and renovating it over the winter.

"We made it through '86 water, and we will make it through this situation," Kloster said.

ATTENTION: COUPLES

The Herald-Palladium publishes news for engagements, weddings and anniversaries on Saturdays.

With engagements and weddings, one of the couple must be a resident or former resident of the area to have the announcement published. Couples celebrating anniversaries also must be residents or former residents.

Forms are available online at www.TheHP.com/site/forms and in our office, 3450 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph.

Photos

Photographs for the Couples page may be published in color for $15. There is no charge for photographs published in black and white.

Return of pictures cannot be guaranteed. An attempt will be made to return pictures accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. Pictures not returned by mail can be picked up at The Herald-Palladium office.

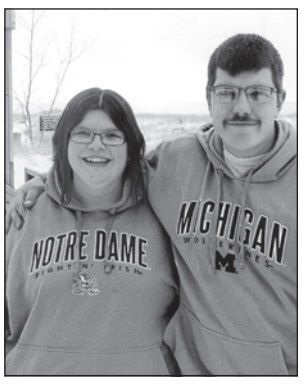
Need more help? Call 429-2400, ext. 295.

Pet of the week

Chloe, a lab-retriever mix, is good with kids, cats and other dogs. She loves to run "get her toy" and play fetch. Chloe is house-trained, has a great outlook, and is 5 to 6 years old. The only reason she's at Berrien County Animal Control is that you haven't met her yet. For more information, call 927-5648.

ENGAGEMENT

Jacoby Brockway



Krystle Jacoby and Matt Brockway are planning an Aug. 1, 2020, wedding in Baroda.

Jacoby, the daughter of Ronald Jacoby of Baroda and Brenda Roach-Jacoby of Bridgman, graduated from Bridgman High School and is employed with Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo.

Her fiancé, the son of Raymond (and stepmom Lavonne) Brockway and the late Diana (Taube) Brockway, graduated from St. Joseph High School and is employed with Kantor Bilt Construction in Stevensville.

Healthy curiosity can be a sick thing

Lori Borgman

Cold and flu season is here. At the first sneezing fit or sign of a sore throat, the question is not, "How long will this last?" but "Where did I get this from?"

We tend to get vindictive when we are forced to the sick bed. We don't like it when our orderly lives are disrupted.

Oh sure, we hide the attitude and put on our best pathetic sick-person face but, on the inside, a lot of us slip into detective mode.

I may be weak, fatigued and sweating out a fever, but I can still muster the strength to cruise through a list of possible sources of contamination.

Chief suspects are always the grands – those lovable, adorable little ones we cherish dearly, the same ones who cough and sneeze into the crooks of their arms, and seconds later spray tabletops, countertops and doorknobs.

Next on the list of possibilities, merely by reason of proximity, is the husband. It is never him though, because he's never sick. It's one of the more irritating things about him. Always healthy.

When you're not feeling well, the last thing you want is to be reminded of others who enjoy perpetual good health.

Once family members have been eliminated as suspects, I expand the circle to consider the places I've been.

There's always the possibility of picking up something at the grocery. Who knows what germs reside on those carts or the produce? Did I really lick my finger to open that plastic bag?

The gym is a possibility as well. It's easy to pick up something from an elliptical or a treadmill that wasn't wiped down. Isn't that ironic? We get sick trying to stay healthy.

Then there's the ATM. Maybe it was that guy ahead of me in line. It's going to be hard to track down a stranger. It could have been the cash itself. Money is a huge carrier of germs.

Maybe it was that kiosk I used to order food. The findings of a recent study on all the microbes found on kiosks are disgusting. The conclusion was never order food at a kiosk. At least not with your hand. Use your elbow.

Maybe it was that friend I hadn't seen in ages – the one who gave me a great big hug and who knows what else.

Paranoia is a faithful bedside companion to cold and flu season. All the detective work is so exhausting it can add another full day to recovery. Or lead to a complete relapse.

Maybe no one gave me this bug. Maybe I gave it to myself – inhaled at the wrong time, rubbed my eyes with some microbe on my fingertips or yawned wide when a germ caught a ride on an air current and sailed my way.

The truth is there's no way to know.

But that doesn't mean I'll stop wondering. Or compiling suspects.

Lori Borgman is a columnist, author and speaker. Her new book, "What Happens at Grandma's Stays at Grandma's," is now available. Email her at lori@loriborgman.com.

BAZAARS

NILES: The Sweet Charity Sewing Group will host "Leap Year Cure for Cabin Fever Indoor Shop Hop" from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 29 at St. John's United Church of Christ, 601 Sycamore St. Admission is $5. There will be quilting-related items from vendors from Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. Food will be provided by Brew Ha Ha. For more information, contact Cathy Marsh at 362-4314 or Sherri Wade at 782-9384.

News of area bazaars and arts and crafts shows are published Saturdays in The Herald-Palladium. Nonprofit groups that want to be included should send a news release at least two weeks in advance of the event to Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or email focus@TheHP.com.

Need help with your utility bills? Here's where to find assistance

Christine Vanlandingham
Generations

Many older adults find it challenging to keep up with winter home heating bills.

If you or an older loved one is struggling to pay your utility bills, there are programs to assist. Here are just a few.

The Michigan Public Service Commission and state law require all regulated gas and electric companies, and municipal electric utilities, to provide shut-off protection for seniors 65 and older during the heating season (Nov. 1-March 31).

You will need to call your gas and/or electric company to let them know you are 65 or older to avoid a shut-off during the heating season if you are unable to pay your bill.

When the heating season has passed, your account will be placed on a payment plan, and payment must begin immediately.

Consumers Energy and DTE Energy have programs that help customers manage energy payments with extended time to pay.

Medically frail customers with an energy bill that is subject to shut-off may also qualify for shut-off protections under a medical emergency or critical care shut-off protection program. To see if you qualify for either of the programs, contact your utility.

Partial payment options may be available for income-eligible DTE Energy or Consumers Energy customers who receive a shut-off notice and are unable to pay the full amount of a bill.

Low-income customers of all ages may be able to make partial payments during the heating season to avoid a shut-off. Contact your utility company for details.

Budget billing plans available through your utility company take the seasonal ups and downs out of your energy bills. They allow you to pay the same amount each month based on your past year's utility bills. Call your utility to find out more.

If you're having trouble resolving issues with your utility company, MPSC staff may be able to assist. Call them toll free at 800-292-9555.

State Emergency Relief (SER) funds help may be available in paying your utility bills from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) all year long.

SER is also available for fuel oil, wood or propane. You do not have to be a client of DHHS to apply for SER. Call your local DHHS office for assistance.

Income-eligible households may receive free energy conservation materials such as caulking, weather-stripping, insulation and other services. This will help reduce energy waste and lower utility bills.

Services are administered by local community action agencies and nonprofit organizations. Call DHHS at 517-241-4871 to find a local weatherization program contractor, or visit www.michigan.gov/weatherization.

The Home Heating Tax Credit is a way the state of Michigan helps you pay some of your heating expenses if you are a qualified Michigan homeowner or renter. You should complete the Home Heating Credit Claim MI-1040CR-7 to see if you qualify for the credit.

The deadline for submitting this form is Sept. 30, 2020. You can call 211 for form assistance.

Elder Law of Michigan also helps seniors with accessing utility assistance and tax credits through their MiCAFE network. The MiCAFE Network assists seniors to apply for, or connect with Homestead Property Tax Credit, Home Heating Credit, and SER program and other community programs.

Call 877-664-2233, to start the application process and find the nearest MiCAFE Network site near you.

Eligible wartime veterans and their families can apply for temporary assistance for emergencies or hardships that includes energy assistance through the Michigan Veteran's Trust Fund.

Call 800-642-4838 or visit www.michiganveterans.com.

Many states, counties and cities offer additional programs to assist older adult with winter heating costs. The Area Agency on Aging is a good source of information about these and other community programs in Southwest Michigan.

If you have an older relative or other loved one who lives in another part of the country, you can find the AAA serving that community by visiting www.eldercare.acl.gov.

When heating costs soar, often additional financial or other pressures arise for older adults and caregivers. AAA staff can answer questions on a wide range of issues and connect you to community resources and services to assist.

The team of experts can be reached on the Info-Line for Aging and Disability at 800-654-2810.

Christine Vanlandingham is chief operating officer of Region IV Area Agency on Aging in Southwest Michigan. Questions on age or independence services? Call the Info-Line for Aging & Disability at 800-654-2810 or visit www.areaagencyonaging.org. The Generations column appears each Saturday in The Herald-Palladium.

VOLUNTEERS

Do you love animals?

Therapeutic Equestrian Center uses horses to challenge those with special needs to build stronger minds, bodies and spirits.

Experience with horses is a plus, but volunteers can be trained. A variety of daytime and evenings opportunities are available.

Volunteers usually help once a week, but substitutes also are welcome.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

United Way of Southwest Michigan

The Herald-Palladium, in conjunction with the United Way of Southwest Michigan, publishes volunteer opportunities every Saturday.

To view all current listings, please visit United Way of Southwest Michigan's volunteer page at **uwsm.org/volunteer.**

Bring peace to the world

Citizens Mediation Service is looking for volunteers.

Volunteer mediators are neutral facilitators when two parties are trying to negotiate crippling dept, child visitation hours, or a whole host of other life crises. Mediators help clients find their own unique options and solutions that both sides can agree to.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Empower young people

A want versus a need. How to balance a checkbook. Don't you wish someone had taught you those things as you were growing up? Now there is someone: you.

Junior Achievement is looking for volunteers. All it takes is your enthusiasm, life experience and a willingness to teach children about how you took chances and shot for the stars.

Junior Achievement provides the training and the curriculum.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Help feed the hungry

Fresh, healthy food tends to have a short shelf life. To make sure it gets distributed as quickly as possible, and to increase the distributed amount, Feeding America West Michigan developed the Mobile Food Pantry.

Mobile pantries are like farmers markets on wheels, delivering a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products and baked goods to people in need, often on the same day the food is donated.

Kinexus will host a mobile food truck on Jan. 27, Feb. 11 and Feb. 24.

Volunteers help distribute food, carry heavier groceries for people who need help and give a smile to those that are experiencing food insecurity.

Other dates, locations and more information can be found at volunteer.uwsm.org.

Show Me the Money

Summit Financial Wellness will host Show Me the Money Day on Feb. 22. The free event will feature financial products, community resources and financial workshops. This annual statewide event is designed to kickoff tax season and promote opportunities to increase income, save and build assets.

Volunteers are needed to help register participants, manage door prizes, serve food, help in workshops and assist vendors with setup and breakdown.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Do you love gymnastics?

The YMCA of Greater Michiana is looking for volunteers to help with Creative Movement, Intro to Tumbling, and Intro to Gymnastics. Volunteers will assist children with hand-eye coordination, motor skills, learning gymnastics skills, strength, flexibility and more.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Give. Advocate. Volunteer.

United Way of Southwest Michigan mobilizes the caring power of communities to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person. Volunteering your time and talent to create lasting solutions that improve life for everyone is an important part in United Way accomplishing this work. Volunteer today and join the fight, by visiting www.uwsm.org.

'The five most important things you should think about'

Kunga Nyima
Insights

Buddhism is a religion that emphasizes awareness of our unique viewpoint on life.

A core Buddhist concept is that a person's beliefs about life are the result of the experiences received through their senses and the ideas they develop in their mind.

I was born a 20th century middle class white American male, and because of my upbringing, I was exposed to beliefs and prejudices that were the seeds that later formed my worldview.

One way to transform my perspective is to make some conscious decisions about what I choose to think about now.

Obviously, there are many things we can think about, so the question is what are the most important thoughts that could really benefit your perspective on life?

A "Secular Buddhist" podcast I heard recently dealt with this issue. In the episode called "The five most important things you should think about," the host, Noah Rasheta, discusses what Buddhism teaches are the essential things to contemplate in life.

The first four topics – aging, sickness, death and loss – focus on the impermanence of life. The last concept, karma (cause and effect), highlights the importance of our actions in life.

The first topic concerns aging. Despite all the focus on youth in the health-and-beauty industry, every one of us is slowly aging, and there is no way to stop it. Even if we look younger longer, in the end, we are still aging on the inside.

Just as we celebrate with our children as they reach each developmental milestone, we also can acknowledge the mental and physical decline of aging and help our elderly loved ones as they face these challenges.

Sickness is the second contemplation. I used to look in the mirror and see a young athletic male with no obvious health problems. Now, at age 51, my daughters like to point out that I have undergone seven surgeries for various health issues.

While some illnesses are not preventable, medical science has proved there are many lifestyle and dietary choices that we can make to live healthier lives.

The third concept is death. I work in hospice, so I am reminded of this fact daily, but even if I wasn't in the medical field, death would be inescapable.

In the last two decades, I have witnessed the death of my mother and stepmother, my spouse's father and her brother. American culture has been defined as death denying because of our focus on youth and vitality.

Despite our fears around talking about death, acknowledging the transitory nature of life can make us more appreciative of life gifts we are enjoying now.

Loss if the fourth idea for contemplation. Buddhism teaches us that everything is impermanent. Everything that we love and possess we will lose, and this will cause us pain.

Our health, our relationships, our possessions all will be lost as we progress in life on our way toward death. If we understand the transitory nature of this world, we can more easily accept with grace these expected changes.

The final thought to remember is that the only thing we truly possess is the results of our own actions. Karma is the Buddhist idea that all actions have effects in the world. Our thoughts are the causes of our actions.

Contemplation of the impermanence of life (sickness, aging, death, loss) increases our appreciation of the world and other living beings with whom we share it. This reminder encourages us to see the connections we have with all forms of life and seek ways to reduce the suffering of all beings.

These teachings can help us overcome our personal prejudices and grow a broader perspective greater than the seed planted in our childhood.

Today's Insights was written by Kunga Nyima, coordinator of the St. Joseph Buddhist Sangha. Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

CHURCH NOTES

Berrien Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4340 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph, will complete its "Threshold" series at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Tracie Crenshaw will speak on "Moments of Change: How Powerful are Transformations in Women?" Her message will expand on changes women experience in mind, body and spirit, and how embracing the transformations can create a more positive transition period.

The food pantry at **Baroda Bible Church**, 9058 Third St., is in need of donations. Non-expired food, personal care items and monetary donations can be made during food pantry hours: 10-11 a.m. Thursdays and Saturdays. To arrange a different drop-off time, call Sue at 313-0070. Monetary donations also can be mailed to Baroda Bible Church, P.O. Box 205, Baroda, MI 49101, with a note indicating the donation is for the pantry.

Martin Temple Church of God in Christ, 730 Waukonda Ave., Benton Harbor, will celebrate its 20-year anniversary at 4 p.m. Sunday. Bishop William Nichols, pastor of Unity Temple Church of God in Christ, will be the guest speaker.

Peace Lutheran Church, 3590 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph, will have its annual January congregational meeting following the 10:15 a.m. Sunday service. All members are invited to attend.

Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ, 3001 Veronica Drive, St. Joseph, will continue its five-part "Finding Joy in Real Life" series at 10 a.m. Sunday. For this third week, the guest speaker, the Rev. Mary Beth Moran Cross, will speak on "Six Words to Set You Free."

The Chapel, 4250 Washington Ave., St. Joseph, will be one of more than 125 host sites in North America to broadcast the No Regrets Men's Conference on Feb. 1. Cost to attend is $20, which includes lunch. Cost goes up to $30 after Sunday. Doors open at 8:30 a.m., with the conference starting at 9:15 a.m. and running until 5 p.m. Register online at yourplacetobelong.com/no-regrets.

In conjunction with the national March for Life, **Immanuel Lutheran Ministries**, 9650 N. Church St., Bridgman, will host Stand for Life 2020 at 11 a.m. today. There will be a rally, a walk, lunch and a "baby shower," where participants can bring donations for LifePlan.

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Conservative divide: anti-left vs. anti-state

Jonah Goldberg

For most Americans, conservatism basically means the stuff Republicans are for, and liberalism means whatever Democrats are for. I don't mean this as a criticism, just a statement of fact.

One of the great things about America is that politics – never mind political philosophy – isn't a big part of most people's lives. Associating a body of ideas with the institutions (political parties) that are directly charged with putting ideas into action is a pragmatic way to cut to the chase. Paying attention to what the eggheads and theorists of the left and right want the parties to do is only worthwhile if you're especially interested in politics.

The challenge for conservatives these days is that the Republican Party really doesn't know what it's for, beyond defending President Trump and opposing Democrats and socialism. While the fight over impeachment sucks up all of the oxygen in public, there's a robust battle behind the scenes about what it means to be a conservative.

Some of it has spilled out into public view, usually centering on nationalism – what it means, what it requires in terms of policy, how it differs from traditional conservatism or whether it differs at all. Sens. Josh Hawley and Marco Rubio, for example, have offered thoughtful versions of "economic nationalism," pitting it against libertarianism (both real and imagined).

There are many different schools of thought here, but a common theme is the idea that government should be more interventionist in the economy: Policymakers should be more willing to overrule the marketplace on everything from big tech to child care to trade.

Republicans were outraged by the way the Obama administration "picked winners and losers" in the economy. Some were appalled when Obama bailed out automakers with a massive handout. Trump has now given more aid to farmers than Obama ever gave Detroit, and if an elected Republican has complained about it, I missed it. In fairness, the farmer bailouts were necessitated by the president's trade wars. But that just demonstrates Republicans' willingness to substitute their judgment for the market's.

There's a cultural version of the nationalist project as well. Some conservative intellectuals – mostly, but not exclusively, Catholic – believe the state has a role in imposing its judgment in the marketplace of ideas.

I have strong views about all of this, but I thought it might be helpful to offer a few humble suggestions about how to think about such things as these debates heat up.

First, the root of conservatism is conservation. The great conservative philosopher Roger Scruton, who died earlier this month, said, "Conservatism starts from a sentiment that all mature people can readily share: the sentiment that good things are easily destroyed, but not easily created." This sentiment is at the heart of traditional conservatism, but it's not constrained by ideology or partisanship. Many liberals (and even some socialists) have displayed this temperament.

Second, with the great divide in conservative theory, there are those who are anti-left and those who are anti-state. For a crude illustration, some people are opposed to public schools because they don't think education is a proper task for the state. (Milton Friedman called them "government schools.") Others on the right think public schools are fine; they just object to how progressives operate them, filling kids' heads with objectionable ideas.

Obviously, most libertarian purists are in the anti-state camp, but for most conservatives it's a balancing act. A consistent conservative can be libertarian on nearly all policy questions and still favor heavily regulating or even banning pornography.

Another fault line revolves around the question, "Which state are we talking about?"

If I may show my cards a bit, outside of foreign policy, I'm very libertarian at the national level, mostly libertarian at the state level and pretty communitarian at the local level. Letting people live the way they want to live where they actually live, so long as basic civil rights are respected, has always struck me as the best way to maximize happiness and democratic accountability.

This raises a final question: Can the state actually do what you want it to do?

At the core of the conservative critique of the left has always been a basic skepticism that top-down planning from Washington can work. It used to be that the champions of such planning were mostly on the left. That's not true any longer. And it remains to be seen whether top-down planning from the right works any better than it does from the left.

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Trump's acquittal will have an asterisk

Leonard Pitts

Dear Mr. So-Called President: A few words in advance of your upcoming acquittal.

That that's how your impeachment trial will end is, as we all know, a foregone conclusion. The proverbial fix is in.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell told us as much in December when he announced he was coordinating with the White House on your defense. "I'm not an impartial juror," he said. Then, one month later, he takes a solemn oath to be an impartial juror.

Such is public integrity in the Age of Trump. So yes, this trial is rigged like a Russian election, and you're about to be acquitted. But it will be an acquittal with an asterisk.

If you wonder what that means, you should ask O.J. Simpson, who did not commit murder. Of course, he did commit murder, at least insofar as the court of public opinion is concerned. A 2015 poll found that most Americans – including a majority of African Americans – believe Simpson did, in fact, savagely butcher his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend, Ronald Goldman, in 1994.

After a sensational trial that began 25 years ago this week, he was acquitted by a jury of his peers. But a quarter-century later, one is struck by how little that means.

Yes, the verdict had the not-insignificant effect of saving Simpson from prison. But it did not vindicate him, did not restore him to the public's good graces. Simpson, a once-beloved athlete, actor and TV pitchman, remains more loathed than flesh-eating bacteria. The stink of what he legally did not do permeates his Twitter feed when he tries to opine on football ("Killer post, O.J." goes a typical response). It will be the first line of his obituary.

That's not just because of the murders. In a way, it's not even just because of the acquittals. No, the other reason O.J. Simpson will never be redeemed is that he was acquitted even though people could see with their own two eyes overwhelming evidence of his guilt.

You see, folks don't like it when you pour dishwater on their heads and tell them it's rain. They take that personally. So his will always be an acquittal with an asterisk. As will yours.

You face vastly different circumstances than he did as you go on trial for trying to strong-arm Ukraine into helping you smear Joe Biden and then obstructing Congress as it tried to investigate. But this much is the same: We can see with our own two eyes overwhelming evidence of your guilt. It's there in testimony, text messages and even that telephone transcript you keep insisting is "perfect." New evidence is pouring out daily like the jackpot from a slot machine.

Yet McConnell has already announced that he and his fellow Republicans have a tub of dishwater at the ready.

Fine. It is what it is. But understand this: A preordained acquittal isn't much of an acquittal at all. Granted, as Simpson was spared confinement in public housing, you'll be spared eviction from same. As with him, this is not an insignificant victory.

But it is a deeply defective one – the only kind this corrupted process has to offer. What you don't get is that the Senate verdict is not the only one being rendered here.

In some ways, it is not even the most important. No, in a sense, the most important verdict will be rendered by jurors in the court of public opinion, still wet from dishwater pretending to be rain. That verdict is unlikely to be kind.

Something to think about when you send out the all-caps tweet with the dubious spelling, crowing about beating the rap. You're going to think you've been vindicated, but you won't be.

And you never will.

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LETTERS

Trump presidency threatens our democracy

Editor,

Our democracy is in danger.

The book "How Democracies Die" points out that political norms which help hold all democracies together are being broken in the U.S., so much so that we all (voters and politicians) are becoming overwhelmed and accustomed to the collapse of those norms.

The authors observe we are so polarized today that we are unwilling to even try working together. We clearly have highly partisan politicians more concerned about party or reelection than implementing legislation that benefits the citizens they represent.

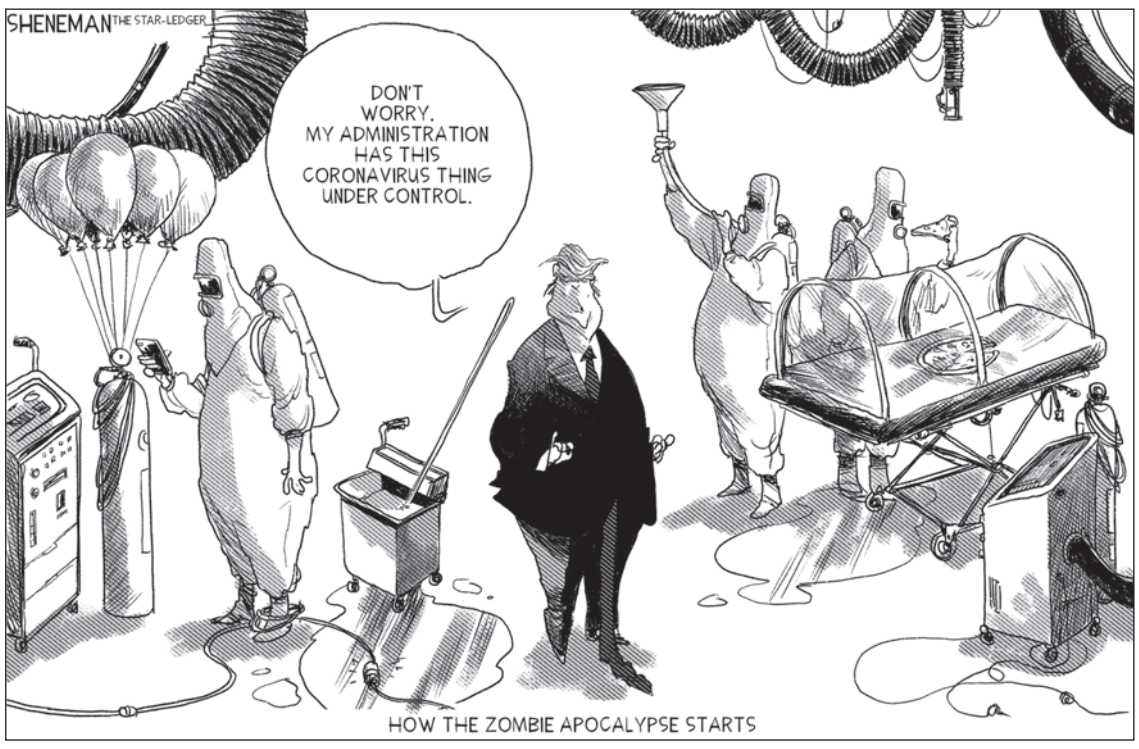
"How Democracies Die" presents an historical perspective on how democracies can collapse by looking at how past and current day dictators came to power.

The book delineates a series of warning signs as to how different countries fell into autocracy and how the U.S. is moving in that direction.

The authors focus on specific questions about the actions of a country's leader and apply these questions to President Trump. They ask if a country's leader:

1. Claims the existing system is rigged and the opposing party/politicians are illegitimate, undemocratic, unpatriotic and corrupted by the elite.

■ Trump calls opponents/opposing parties subversive names claiming they threaten our way of life.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2. Rejects democratic rules with a willingness to violate those rules including questioning the legitimacy of our elections.

■ Trump questioned if he would accept the 2016 election if he lost and falsely claimed there was large scale voter fraud involved with that election.

3. Encourages violence or attacks against those who oppose him stating rivals are criminals.

■ Trump tolerated and reveled in violence during his campaign and encouraged supporters who physically assaulted protesters during rallies.

4. Shows a willingness to curtail civil liberties or take legal action against opponents or critical news media.

■ Trump continually berates the media indicating "Media among the most dishonest groups of people I've ever met".

■ "I'm going to open up our libel laws so when they write … false articles, we can sue them and win lots of money."

Democracy survives when our leaders fight for it. Educate yourselves and oppose autocratic behavior. Tell your representatives that they must work together with their rivals to keep our democracy safe and vote for those representatives that listen to you.

Ken Peterson
Buchanan

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'America's Expiration Date'

Cal Thomas

I love definitions because they help focus the mind. For decades, we are said to have been in a culture war. As in any war, it helps to know one's enemy.

One online dictionary defines culture this way: "the quality in a person or society that arises from a concern for what is regarded as excellent in arts, letters, manners, scholarly pursuits, etc."

One secondary definition is under the subheading anthropology: "the sum total of ways of living built up by a group of human beings and transmitted from one generation to another." I especially like that second definition.

So culture is a sum total. It is also about ways of living by more than a few humans, with all of that being willed to succeeding generations.

Those of a certain age remember what their parents or grandparents transmitted to them following the Great Depression and World War II. It was the sum total of values and beliefs they shared, the values held by those Tom Brokaw correctly labeled the greatest generation.

Yes, they were imperfect, just as we are, sinners incapable of saving themselves apart from God's mercy and grace. But they saved a nation – several nations – because they embodied the things that mattered most in life: duty, honor and country. They not only wanted to restore such things to Europe and preserve them for America, but also sought to pass these down to their children and grandchildren. They had learned them from their parents. It is why they went to war, and although thousands did not come back, their values remained, at least until the self-indulgent 1960s and the generation that followed (as critiqued in my 1994 book, "The Things That Matter Most").

Today that clash of their culture with ours is stark. My grandmother once admonished me for using words she said nice young men don't say in public. The words that offended her were toilet paper. Imagine what this woman, born in 1888, would think of the words heard on TV, in movies and on the streets today.

Return to the definition given earlier and particularly notice the words built up. This suggests to me that the way to change a culture is not from the top down but from the bottom up, not through Washington but through the human heart and individual choices.

It might be too late for that, but it is not too late to make choices for ourselves and for our families, especially where we send our young children to school. It amazes me that so many parents – conservative and Christian parents – see no problem in sending their children to state schools, where they learn they evolved from slime and the reason they like bananas on their cereal is that their nearest relative is at the zoo.

Okay, I exaggerate, but not by much. If your child is a soldier, would you be okay if he or she were trained in a country that was the enemy of the United States? Doesn't the question answer itself? Why, then, would you knowingly and willingly send your child to a school – and then a university – that undermines the values, beliefs and faith you have tried to teach them?

Don't answer that you want them to be ambassadors for God. I have met many ambassadors, and none are 8-year-olds. Children, like soldiers, must be trained and indoctrinated with the knowledge and principles of the nation (or kingdom) they are expected to serve. Look up two words in a concordance. They are teach and learn. The verses in Scripture that include these words instruct godly parents in what God expects when it comes to children on loan to us for a brief time.

Legions of young men and women taught such things will build up a culture and ultimately a nation. It is the only way to win a culture war.

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PRIME TIME TV

SATURDAY EVENING JAN. 25

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Operation Smile	The Jump (N) CC	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Philadelphia 76ers. From Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia. (N)				
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	FBI OA and Maggie team up with the FBI.		NCIS: New Orleans "Bad Apple"		48 Hours (N) CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	2020 NHL All-Star Game From Enterprise Center in St. Louis. (N) (L)					
FOX 17 222 28 32	To Be Announced	Flirty Dancing "Episode 5: Alex & Navi; Episode 6: Khairi & Ashlee" ((F)) (N)				To Be Announced	
PBS 34	Lawrence Welk	Brit Floyd: The World's Greatest Pink Floyd Show			Celtic Woman: Ancient Land CC		
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	News	Cops CC
MNT 50	Graham Bensinger	Dateline A couple's romance turns tragic.		Dateline "Secrets in Pleasant Grove"		Dateline "The Killing in Cobb County"	
WCIU 26	2 Broke Girls	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Risk and Reward"		Murdoch Mysteries CC (DVS)		Murdoch Mysteries "Hell to Pay"	
WGN 9	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N)	
A&E	5:00 Live PD CC	:06 Live PD: Rewind (N) CC		Live PD "Live PD -- 01.25.20" (N) (L) CC			
AMC	6:30 ★★★ Elysium ('13) Matt Damon. (P). CC			Seven Worlds, One Planet Lynx prowl the Yukon. (N) CC			Elysium
Animal	Pit Bulls	Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole		:02 The Vet Life (N)	
BET	Browns	★★ The Best Man Holiday ('13) Morris Chestnut. CC					
Big Ten	College Hockey	College Hockey Ohio State at Minnesota. (N) CC					
Bravo	:14 ★★★ Pretty Woman ('90, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts. CC					9:52 ★★★ Pretty Woman ('90)	
Cartoon	Apple	Dragon	Dragon	Burgers	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy
Cinemax	★ Little Fockers	★★ The Meg ('18, Science Fiction) Jason Statham, Li Bingbing. CC				9:55 ★★ Skyscraper ('18) CC	
CMT	6:00 Grease	★★ Overboard ('87, Comedy) Goldie Hawn. CC					
CNBC	Greed	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	Newsr'm	CNN Newsroom		The Eighties CC		The Nineties CC	
Comedy	Dumb	★ Joe Dirt ('01) David Spade. CC				Hot Tub Mach.	
Discovery	:00 Man vs. Bear	Man vs. Bear (N) CC		8:56 Man vs. Bear "Born to Run" CC		Man vs. Bear A fire dancer defeats Bart.	
Disney	Gabby	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DIY	Holmes	Flippers	Flippers	Flippers	Flippers	Flippers	Flippers
E!	Wedding Crashers	★★ Sweet Home Alabama ('02) CC					
ESPN	Basket	College Basketball Baylor at Florida. (N)				X Games (N) (L)	
ESPN2	Basket	Skills Show.		2020 Australian Open Tennis Round of 16.			
ESPNC	Football	College Football From Jan. 1 2005.				College Football	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	Life	Watters' World (N)		Justice With Jeanine		Greg Gutfeld	
Fox Sports	NBA Basketball: Nets at Pistons				Pistons Live (N)		Michigan
Freefrm	5:10 ★★★ Hook ('91) CC	★★★ The Jungle Book ('16) Neel Sethi. Young Mowgli meets an array of animals in the jungle. CC					
FX	:00 ★★★ Spider-Man: Homecoming ('17, Action) Tom Holland, Michael Keaton. CC					Kingsman: The Secret Service ('14)	
Golf	:00 PGA Tour Golf Farmers Insurance Open, Third Round. CC						
Hallmark	:00 Love on Iceland ('20) Kaitlin Doubleday. CC			Hearts of Winter ('20, Romance) Rukiya Bernard, Victor Webster. (P). CC			
HBO	John Wick 3	★★ The Curse of La Llorona ('19) Linda Cardellini. CC			:35 The Outsider "Fish in a Barrel"		:35 The Outsider
History	UFOs	UFOs: Top Secret Evidence Revealed (N)				:05 Ancient Aliens	
HGTV	Home	Beach	Beach	Carib	Carib	Bahamas	Bahamas
Learning	Say Yes	Say Yes to the Dress (N) CC				Say Yes, Dress	
Lifetime	Murder-Suburb	Chris Watts: Confessions of a Killer ('20, Suspense) Sean Kleier. (P). CC				Beyond the Headlines	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	The Hangover ('09)	★★★ Rush Hour ('98, Action) Jackie Chan. CC					
NBCSCH	Bulls	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Cleveland Cavaliers.					Postgame
NFL	Super	Super	Super	Super	Super	Super	Super
Nick	Loud	Henry	All That	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Locked	Locked Up Abroad		The Cave ('19) (N) CC			The Cave
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Snapped "Donna Matthews" CC		Snapped "Liz Golyar" CC		Snapped "Julia Phillips" CC	
Parmt	6:30 ★★★ John Wick			★★★ John Wick: Chapter 2 ('17)			
Showtime	Shameless	Shameless "Adios Gringos" CC		Boxing Danny Garcia vs. Ivan Redkach. (N) (L) CC			
Starz	Escape Room	★★★★ Forrest Gump ('94) Tom Hanks. A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history. CC					:25 Power CC
STZENC	:23 ★★★★ Pulp Fiction ('94, Crime Drama) John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson, Uma Thurman. CC					Spartacus: Vengeance "Monsters"	
SyFy	6:00 G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra	★★ The Hitman's Bodyguard ('17, Action) Ryan Reynolds, Samuel L. Jackson, Gary Oldman. CC (DVS)					
TBS	6:00 ★★★ Wonder Woman ('17, Action) Gal Gadot.			Miracle Workers	Miracle Workers	Miracle Workers	Miracle Workers
TCM	Wise Blood	★★★ A Warm December ('73) Sidney Poitier, Esther Anderson. CC				★★★ Buck and the Preacher	
TMC	:15 ★★ The Mechanic ('11, Action) Jason Statham. CC			★★ Scream 3 ('00, Horror) David Arquette, Neve Campbell. CC			
TNT	Star Wars	★★★ Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 ('17) Chris Pratt.					
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal 911 (N)		Haunted Hospitals	
TV Land	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
USA	Captain America	★★★ Doctor Strange ('16, Action) Benedict Cumberbatch, Chiwetel Ejiofor. CC (DVS)					Doctor Strange
VH1	★ Obsessed ('09, Suspense) Idris Elba. CC					Tyler-Temptatn	
WGN-A	Jurassic Park ('93)	★★ The Lost World: Jurassic Park ('97) Jeff Goldblum. An expedition returns to monitor dinosaurs' progress. CC					

New hire is disappointed to be working as a gofer

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I recently landed a new job and was excited about doing work that would be directly in line with my education and background. I left a job of more than a decade to pursue this field. My problem is, I'm being asked to carry luggage, make coffee, run errands, etc. This was not in my job description, nor was it what I was hired for.

Abby, I have worked many intern positions. I do not believe I am too good for any job, but I have worked my way up and have abilities that could contribute greatly to this company. What they have me doing now is not beneficial for me or them.

If you believe I should say something, what should it be? I'm afraid they can easily find a substitute who may perform these tasks, as they aren't every day, but it's often enough to make me uncomfortable. It's a small company, and my pay is good, so I don't want to leave. Please advise me, Abby. – Scared To Speak Up

DEAR SCARED: I see nothing wrong with having a discussion with your employer. However, because you are so new to the job, it should be done delicately. Tell the person you feel you could be contributing more to the company than you are currently doing, but do not complain about the menial tasks. It often falls to the newest member of the team to do these things, and the last thing you want is to be perceived as someone who is not a team player. In time you will see if this job is the right fit for you.

DEAR ABBY: My dad died of cancer a couple of months ago. While we were a bit estranged, I did love him, and his loss was painful. Despite this, I have accepted things and moved on.

The issue is that anytime I talk to my friends about it, they assume I'm really in shock. My friends are older, so I suspect they think it's because I'm only 22, but it's frustrating that they disregard my personal growth and the way I've dealt with his death.

I realize I have moved on fairly quickly, but the way I see it, death is a part of life, and what's done is done. How can I explain to them that while I'm sad, I have accepted what happened without sounding like I didn't care about my dad? – Moved On In The West

DEAR MOVED ON: Point out to your well-meaning friends that your relationship with your father may not have been like the ones they had with their fathers. That you were "a bit estranged" may have made his death less traumatic than if he had been a major part of your life. It should not be necessary to put on a display of sackcloth and ashes. Everyone grieves differently, so remind them of that.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO MY ASIAN READERS WHO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR: The Year of the Rat begins today. I wish a happy, healthy new year to all who celebrate this holiday. People born in the Year of the Rat are said to be instinctive, acute and alert, which makes them exceptional in business. They are sophisticated and popular in social interaction. But they can sometimes be stubborn and picky. Notable individuals born in the Year of the Rat include not only George Washington, Wolfgang Mozart, William Shakespeare and Charlotte Bronte, but also Gwyneth Paltrow, Ben Affleck, Eminem, Prince Charles of Britain and his son Prince Harry.

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Not in a partying mood after mom's death

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from a recent online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: A good friend throws a big Super Bowl party every year. It's his favorite thing, and we always go. My mom died over the holidays. Our host knows this, but very few others who will be there will know.

I'd be tempted to blow off the party ... but. It's tradition. It means a lot to our friend. My husband would like to see these friends and might stay home if I choose not to go. I'm going to have to figure out how to interact with people again someday, so I figure if I'm not dealing well, we can leave at halftime.

I find myself dreading the casual question, "How are you?" I'm not the most socially skilled at the best of times. I'm looking for a response that's honest but doesn't bring the conversation to an awkward stop. I guess I'm hoping to hear that it's OK if I screw up or start crying because of a song in a commercial, and whatever people decide about me is not my problem. Plus, there's always the possibility it'll all be fine, right? – **Grieving**

I'm so sorry about your mom.

Crying is OK, even at weird times and when no one knows why you're crying. The person who cares most about the way you carry yourself is you; your close friends will care about your grief, but less about its leaking out; random partygoers will care to the extent that a person in their midst is sad – but once you step away to regroup they will go back to yelling at a box on the wall because the person wearing the shirt they chose to care about just caught or didn't catch a ball.

It's all good. Really. Go and be among people and, sure, leave if you're struggling.

Readers' thoughts:

■ After my dad passed away, I had some strategic answers in my back pocket. If they said, "Sorry about your dad," I'd thank them and ask how they were doing. If they knew what happened and asked how I've been, I'd tell them it's been tough, but I'm glad to see them, how are they doing? People who didn't know my news would get an, "I'm doing fine, how are you, gee can you believe this weather?" response. And if anyone's prying, say you appreciate their concern, but talking about your mom is tough and you'd really rather enjoy the party. – **Strategic**

■ I lost my mom six years ago. I think there's another question under yours: It's, "How dare I go out and have a good time when I'm supposed to be sad all the time?" You are allowed. You are allowed, you are allowed, you are allowed. Living your life, enjoying your friends, participating in a much-loved tradition, and getting out of your own head for a few hours is a necessity for your own survival. You may do this without feeling guilty about it. – **Allowed**

■ I'm a 50-year-old man who cried in front of my co-workers when my mom's DOG died. Virtually nobody will judge you for being sad about your mom. And anyone who does is so amazingly awful a person that their opinion isn't worth anything, anyway. – **Anonymous**

Thanks everyone, you're the best.

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ACROSS
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4 Cuts the grass
8 Sleep in a tent
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13 Heavy metal
14 Well-qualified
15 Midwest st.
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18 Free
20 Deep red gem
22 Buffalo hockey pro
23 British FBI
24 Affluent one
28 Leather punch
31 Witty ones
34 OK!
35 "Watermark" chanteuse
36 Severe hairdo
37 Pierre's monarch
38 Bring to an end
39 "My gal" of song
40 Taste and smell
42 Molecular bio. topic
44 Basilica parts
48 Haven
51 Least humid
52 Tollbooth site
53 Thought
55 Tpk.
56 Second to none
57 Say hoarsely
58 Solidify
59 "— -Breaky Heart"
60 Proofread
61 Sooner than

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2 La Scala production
3 Shish —
4 Environment
5 Mineral deposits
6 Prevailed
7 Jagged tear
8 — pants
9 Plentiful
10 Mme.'s daughter
11 Leather-to-be
19 Secret meeting
21 Poker card
25 Ceremonial fire
26 Lowly laborer
27 Cow-headed goddess
29 Casper's st.
30 Once around a track
31 Cal. units
32 Literary collection
33 Kind of bowl
35 Emerson opus
40 Give in the middle
41 Starry-eyed
43 Eccentric
45 Extreme edge
46 Organic compound
47 Stone marker
48 McEntire of music
49 Corp. biggie
50 Gael republic
51 He loved Lucy
54 Family man

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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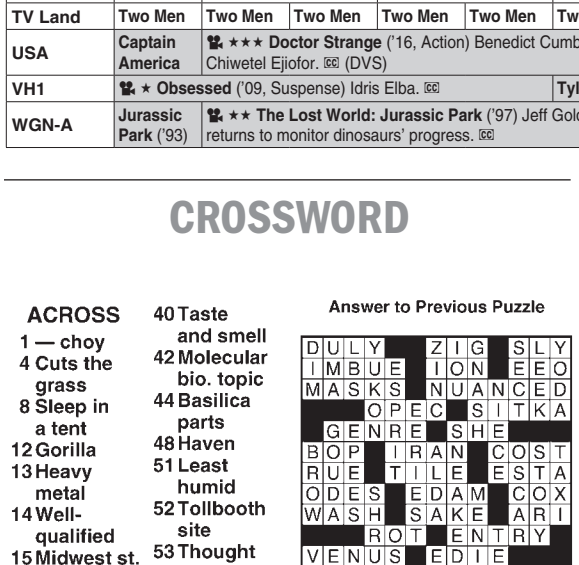

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ELTFE

PZATO

NXADPE

DIRMEL

Help us raise funds
The clock thanks you for your help.
It's always been there for me. I've never been late.
SAVE THE CLOCK
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IT REQUIRED FIXING, SO THEY HELPED REPAIR THE TOWN CLOCK IN ITS ---

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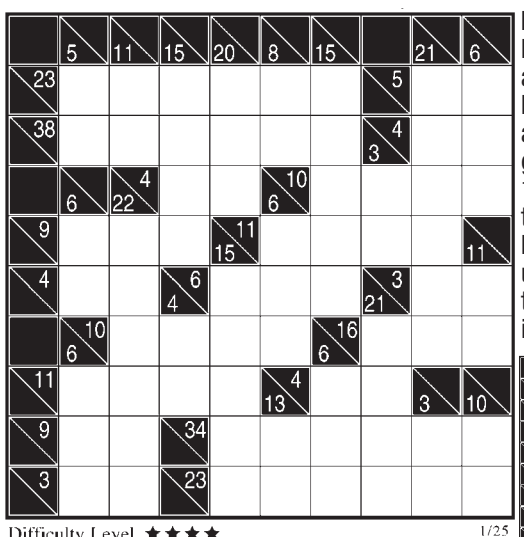
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers Monday)

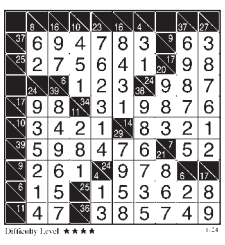
Yesterday's Jumbles: TEMPO KNOWN WOBBLE TEDIUM
Answer: The table made out of mahogany was perfect, just like he — KNEW IT "WOOD" BE

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 1/25

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Maurice Chevalier said, "Many a man has fallen in love with a girl in a light so dim he would not have chosen a suit by it."

At the bridge table, many contracts depend on the handling of one key suit. If someone does not do it correctly, he might complain that the light was bad. But everyone else knows better.

Today's deal revolves around the club suit. How should it be handled in three no-trump after West has led the diamond king?

North made a weak jump overcall, and South went for our favorite contract. He reasonably felt that it was most unlikely North could make five clubs, and he would fail in three no-trump.

South saw only five top tricks: one spade, two hearts, one diamond and one club. He needed to run those clubs, but five winners were sufficient; he did not need all six.

Declarer ducked the first two diamond tricks and took the third after dummy and East discarded hearts. Then South ran the club seven. East won with his jack and shifted to a spade, but declarer took the trick with his ace and led his remaining club. When West's king appeared, South claimed.

Does that explanation suit you?

If you are North or South, it does; but not if you are East. When South led the club seven at trick four, West should have played his king! Then the lights are out on the contract. If declarer ducks in the dummy, West cashes his diamonds; if South wins with the club ace, he can no longer take more than two club tricks. Razzle dazzle!

North 01-25-20
♠ 8 3
♥ J 9 4
♦ 5 3
♣ A Q 10 9 8 6

West
♠ K 4
♥ Q 8 3
♦ K Q J 7 6 2
♣ K 3

East
♠ 10 9 7 5 2
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 8 4
♣ J 5 2

South
♠ A Q J 6
♥ A K 10 5
♦ A 10 9
♣ 7 4

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
	1♦	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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	3			8	9	5		
		2		5		9		
2						3		
			8	7	1			
		7						1
		1		9		6		
		8	5	3			2	
9			2	1			7	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

3	8	5	9	2	4	7	6	1
7	2	6	5	1	8	9	4	3
1	9	4	7	3	6	5	2	8
2	5	8	1	9	3	4	7	6
6	4	7	8	5	2	3	1	9
9	3	1	4	6	7	2	8	5
4	7	9	3	8	1	6	5	2
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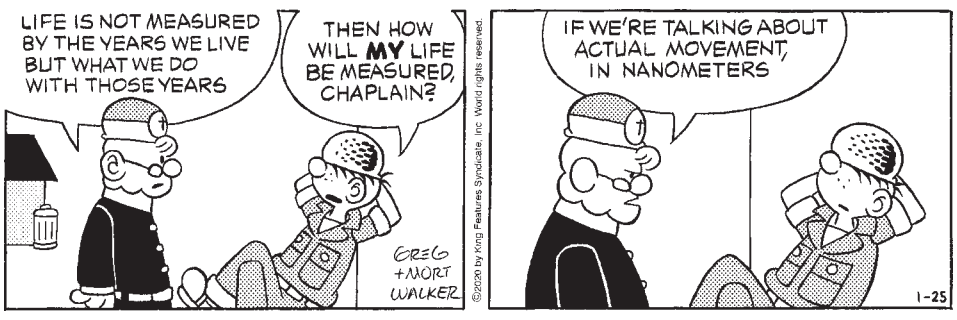
BEETLE BAILEY


LIFE IS NOT MEASURED BY THE YEARS WE LIVE BUT WHAT WE DO WITH THOSE YEARS
THEN HOW WILL MY LIFE BE MEASURED, CHAPLAIN?
GREG + MORT WALKER
IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ACTUAL MOVEMENT, IN NANOMETERS
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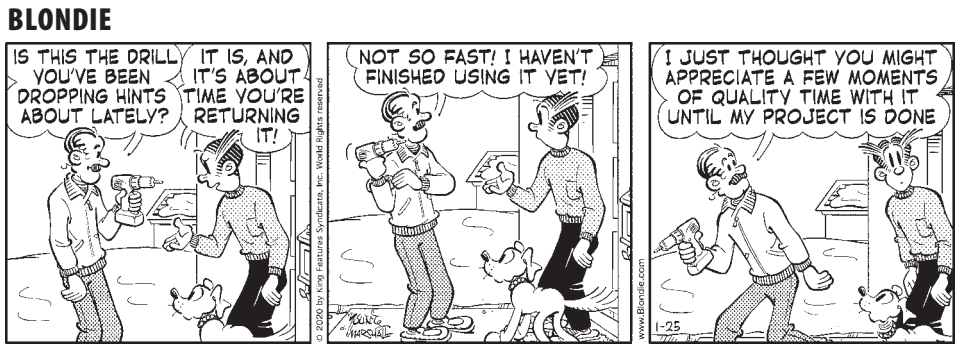
BLONDIE


IS THIS THE DRILL YOU'VE BEEN DROPPING HINTS ABOUT LATELY?
IT IS, AND IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU'RE RETURNING IT!
NOT SO FAST! I HAVEN'T FINISHED USING IT YET!
I JUST THOUGHT YOU MIGHT APPRECIATE A FEW MOMENTS OF QUALITY TIME WITH IT UNTIL MY PROJECT IS DONE
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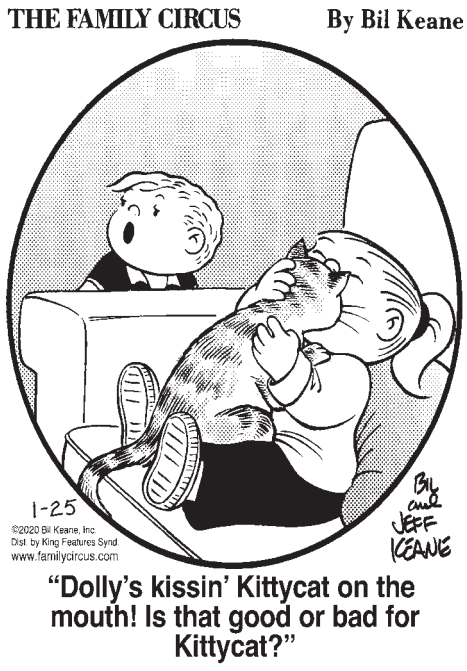
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



DENNIS THE MENACE

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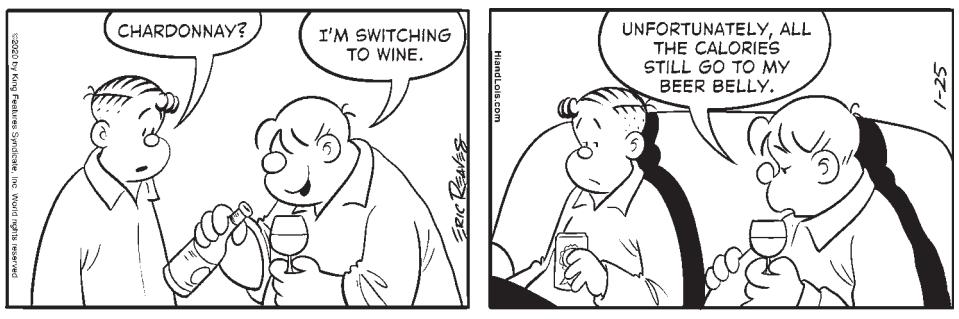
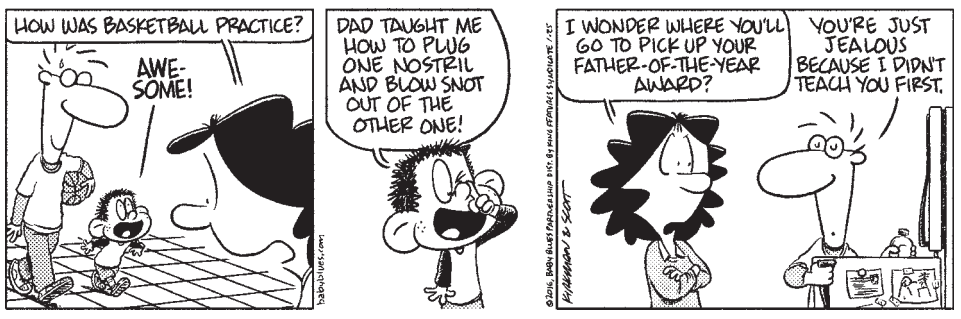
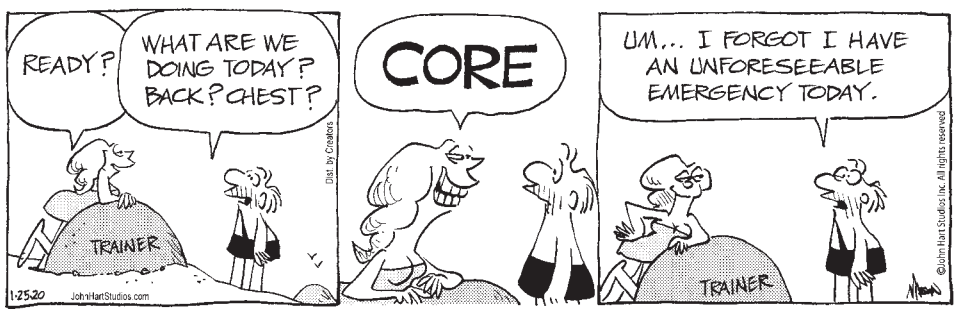


BABY BLUES


HOW WAS BASKETBALL PRACTICE?
AWE-SOME!
DAD TAUGHT ME HOW TO PLUG ONE NOSTRIL AND BLOW SNOT OUT OF THE OTHER ONE!
I WONDER WHERE YOU'LL GO TO PICK UP YOUR FATHER-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD?
YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS BECAUSE I DIDN'T TEACH YOU FIRST.

BC



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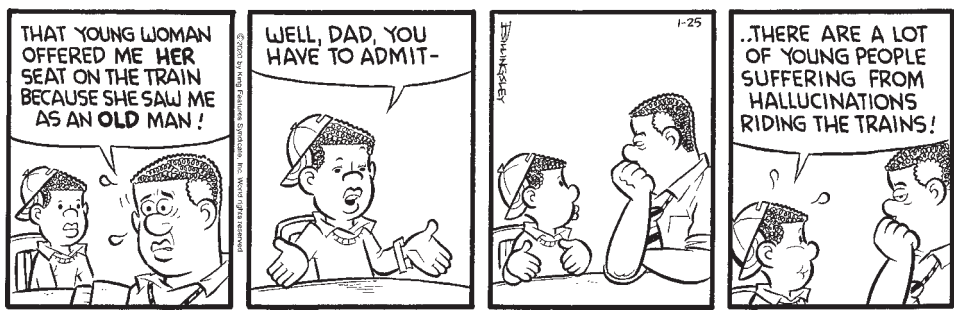
THAT YOUNG WOMAN OFFERED ME HER SEAT ON THE TRAIN BECAUSE SHE SAW ME AS AN OLD MAN!
WELL, DAD, YOU HAVE TO ADMIT-
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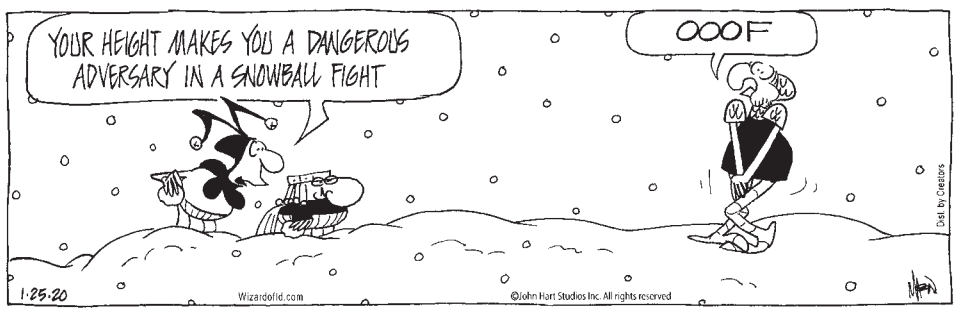
..THERE ARE A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM HALLUCINATIONS RIDING THE TRAINS!

WIZARD OF ID


YOUR HEIGHT MAKES YOU A DANGEROUS ADVERSARY IN A SNOWBALL FIGHT
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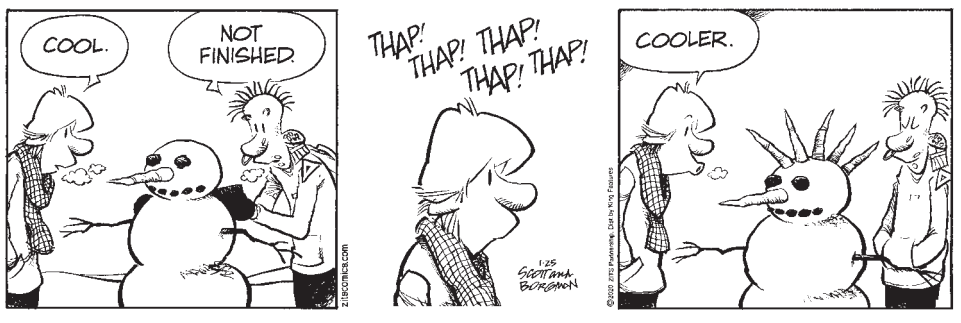

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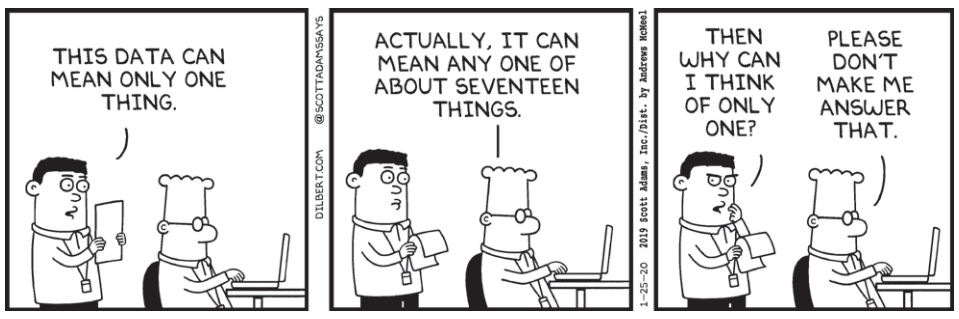
THIS DATA CAN MEAN ONLY ONE THING.
ACTUALLY, IT CAN MEAN ANY ONE OF ABOUT SEVENTEEN THINGS.
THEN WHY CAN I THINK OF ONLY ONE?
PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME ANSWER THAT.
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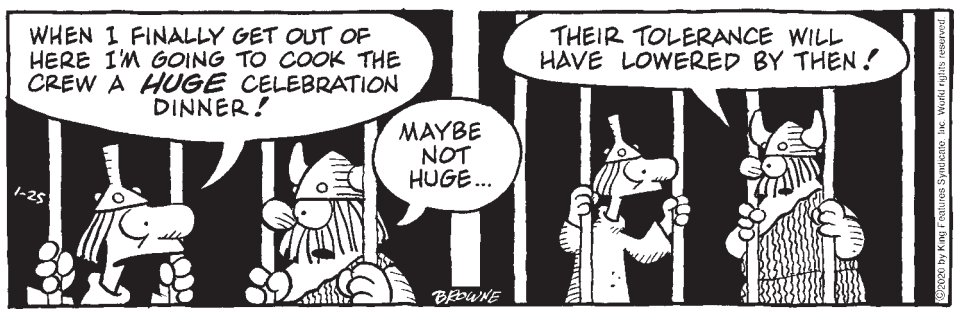
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


WHEN I FINALLY GET OUT OF HERE I'M GOING TO COOK THE CREW A HUGE CELEBRATION DINNER!
MAYBE NOT HUGE...
THEIR TOLERANCE WILL HAVE LOWERED BY THEN!
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BROWNE
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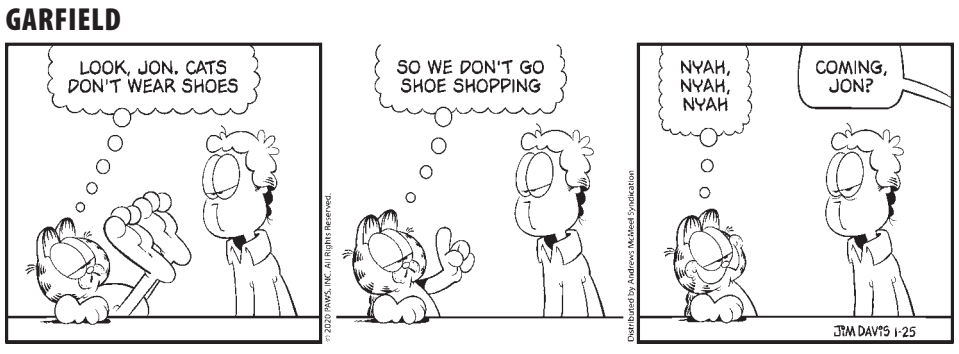
GARFIELD


LOOK, JON. CATS DON'T WEAR SHOES
SO WE DON'T GO SHOE SHOPPING
NYAH, NYAH, NYAH
COMING, JON?
JIM DAVIS 1-25
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SAY, COULD YOU JUST SIGN YOUR NAME HERE? I JUST LOVE THE WAY YOU WRITE
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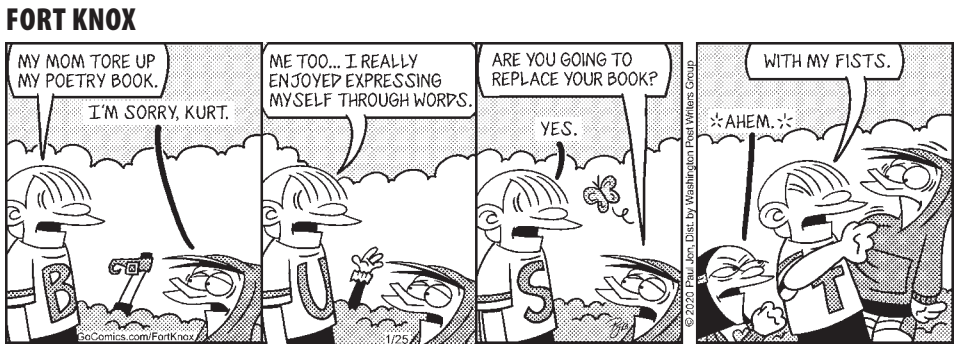
MY MOM TORE UP MY POETRY BOOK.
I'M SORRY, KURT.
ME TOO... I REALLY ENJOYED EXPRESSING MYSELF THROUGH WORDS.
ARE YOU GOING TO REPLACE YOUR BOOK?
YES.
WITH MY FISTS.
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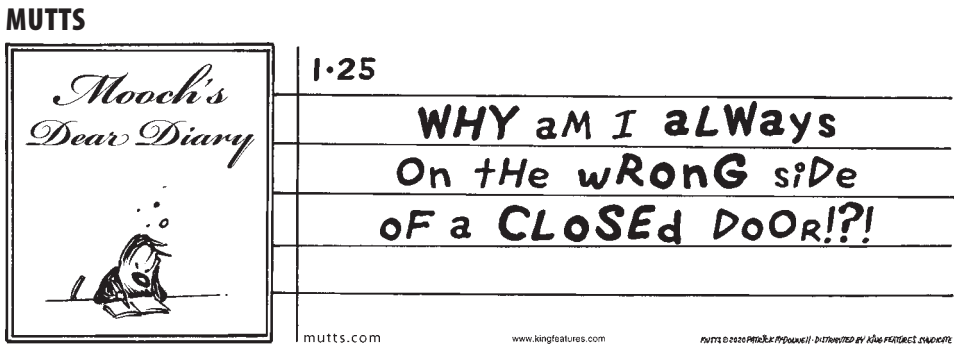

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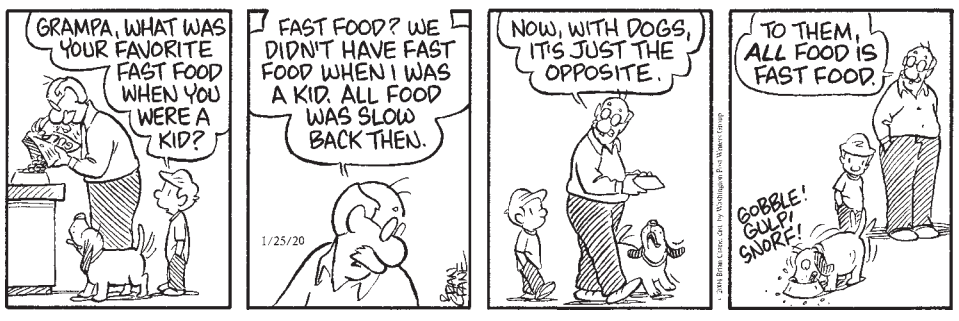
GRAMPA, WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE FAST FOOD WHEN YOU WERE A KID?
FAST FOOD? WE DIDN'T HAVE FAST FOOD WHEN I WAS A KID. ALL FOOD WAS SLOW BACK THEN.
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NOW, WITH DOGS, IT'S JUST THE OPPOSITE.
TO THEM, ALL FOOD IS FAST FOOD.
GOBBLE! GULP! SNORF!
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SALLY FORTH

HEY! HOW WAS YOUR FIRST YOGA CLASS?
AMAZING!
THE INSTRUCTOR WAS SO, SO ENCOURAGING!
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TRANSLATION– MOM STRUGGLED.
I HEARD THAT! AND I PULLED EVERYTHING.
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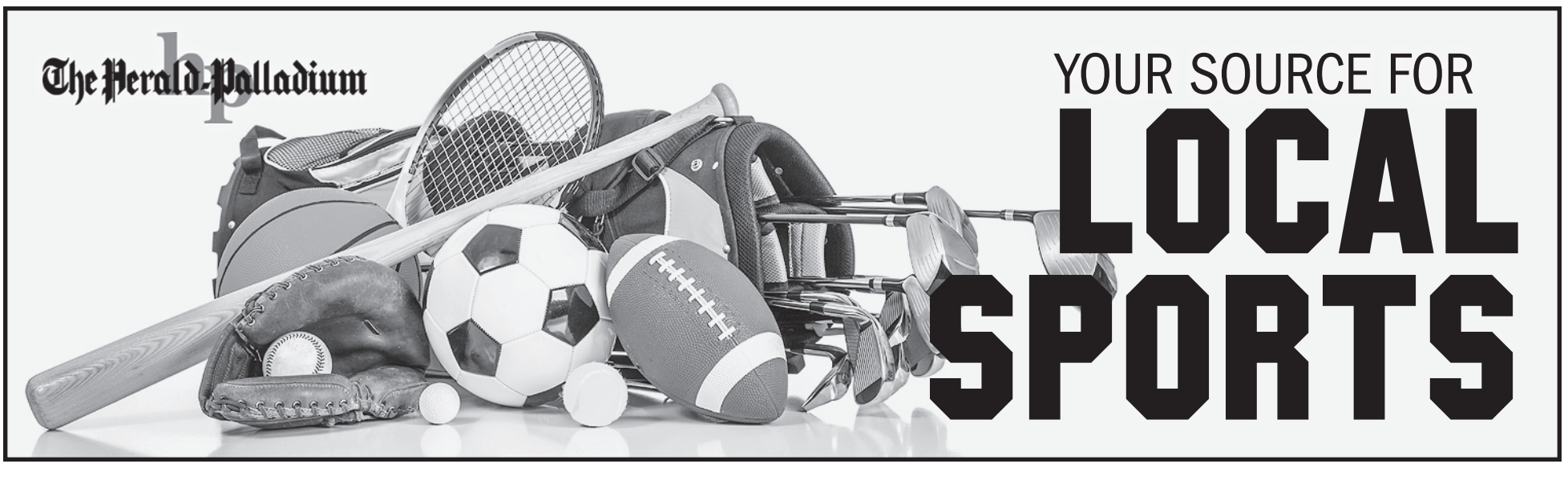

hp ENTERTAINMENT

An intimate musical evening with Molly

Singer-songwriter comes to The Mendel Center for Living Room Series show

By RALPH HEIBUTZKI
HP Correspondent

Photo provided / Sarah Rose Photography

Molly performs Thursday night as part of the Hanson Theatre Living Room Series at The Mendel Center.

BENTON HARBOR — Three years ago, singer-songwriter Molly came to a conclusion about her band work: she needed to find her voice, and express it accordingly.

"I always wrote the lyrics and melodies, and came up with parts," she said. "But I wanted to grow – and the only way was really making it harder on myself, by stepping away from the group dynamic of making music."

To the outside world, she's Molly Bouwsma Schultz, but to to her fans, she's simply Molly, who's giving free rein to her slow-burning soul-pop side – which she revealed on a new EP and video, "Shine," last summer.

From Molly's perspective, the transition has proven seamless.

"I wasn't an instrumentalist at all before, so that's something I've grown into," she said.

The Grand Rapids-based artist made her mark as lead singer of Vox Vidorra, an indie soul-pop band that released two albums.

Recently, she'd also been fronting Blue Molly, a blues cover band that made one album. Molly also runs Creston Brewery with her husband, Scott Schultz.

The couple will appear Thursday at Lake Michigan College as part of the Hanson Theatre Living Room Series.

"I play mostly as a duo, with Scott, but we like to work with other people," Molly said. "There's keyboards and Roland drum pads, electric guitar, vocals and some looping."

In keeping with the series' premise, the audience will get to sit onstage with the band, allowing for an especially intimate feel.

"It's energetic, passionate, soulful American indie rock," Molly said. "I come from an interracial family, and that definitely influences my lyrics and my stories."

Those stories come with a focus on gun violence, hate crimes and other social justice themes, which is also reflected in the artists that Molly ticks off as influences – such as Marvin Gaye, Gil Scott Heron, Bob Marley and Nina Simone.

Molly's drive to express those themes follows from her position as an African-American female artist and experience. As an example, she cites a casino gig she played a few years ago.

"I was being targeted by the security team. They were following me around, and long story short, I felt it was some kind of racist thing: 'Oh, no, she has a backpack,'" Molly said. "It was like, 'I'm here, doing a show, I'm loading in my tambourine and my stuff.'"

Once she'd sized up that situation, though, Molly responded with the performer's traditional solution.

"I vowed never to play there again – I don't go where people don't treat me with respect. No matter what you think, or speak about, whatever your views are, that should just always be the case. Know that you're treated with respect. It's easier said than done," she said.

Having found room to express herself, Molly's aim this year is simple – release as much music as she can.

"I'm trying to pick up the pace, but it definitely takes longer, when it's just you in charge of everything," Molly said. "I do my own booking, I do all the contracts. My husband helps me as much as he can – but we're very busy with our brewery."

Being a self-funded and self-managed artist and business person means accepting the hard work that's needed to keep it going – along with the more enjoyable aspects of both experiences, Molly feels.

"People ask us, how we do it, and I think we might be a little bit super hero-ish," Molly said, laughing. "With a brewery, it's about the other people – and with the music, you could say that, too, but there's a line that I draw."

As Molly sees it, that line comes down to personal satisfaction, which is why she felt ready to step out on her own.

"It can't be about external validation. The reward really does have to be, literally, just writing the songs," she said. "Everything after that is like icing on the cake. Selling music, having people like it – that's all nice, but you've got to do it for yourself first."

If You Go

Who: Hanson Theatre Living Room Series presents Molly

When: 7 p.m. Thursday

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GRAMMY PREVIEW

Will Grammy voters take the 'Old Town Road' on Sunday?

By MESFIN FEKADU and NEKESA MUMBI MOODY
AP Music Writers

NEW YORK — The 2020 Grammy Awards are shaping up to be the night of the new kids, with Lizzo, Billie Eilish and Lil Nas X leading in nominations.

Those acts, who all released huge No. 1 hits in the last year, have strong chances of beating their more-seasoned competitors, from Lady Gaga to Vampire Weekend to Ariana Grande.

Or maybe they won't. If there's one thing we can predict about the Grammys, it's that the oddball act might actually win. Remember when Beck beat out Beyoncé? Or when Steely Dan won album of the year over Eminem? Or when Milli Vanilli ... OK, I'll stop.

Who knows how things will really play out Sunday, when the awards are handed out live in Los Angeles. Here are some good guesses from Associated Press music writers Mesfin Fekadu and Nekesa Mumbi Moody.

ALBUM OF THE YEAR: "I,I," Bon Iver; "Norman (Expletive) Rockwell!," Lana Del Rey; "When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?," Billie Eilish; "Thank U, Next," Ariana Grande; "I Used to Know Her," H.E.R.; "7," Lil Nas X; "Cuz I Love You (Deluxe)," Lizzo; "Father of the Bride," Vampire Weekend

FEKADU: This seriously could go so many ways, but let's start with who most likely won't win: Lil Nas X, Ariana Grande, H.E.R. and Lizzo. The other four will split a lot of the votes, eliminating Bon Iver and Vampire Weekend as possible winners. Left are Lana Del Rey, whose album was critically acclaimed and praised, and Billie Eilish, who was not just the year's brightest newcomer, but arguably the year's most successful singer. Though I want to say Eilish will win here, something in my gut is telling me that Lana, who has consistently released top notch music for the last eight years, will be celebrating her first-ever Grammy win.

MOODY: It would be a cool moment to have the 18-year-old Billie become the youngest to ever take home a best album Grammy, and she certainly deserves it. But with arguably the night's top honor, Grammy voters tend to want their winners to have a few years under their belt before granting them the biggest win of their career. While none of the nominees here have their AARP card, Lana Del Rey has been around long enough to be the veteran. After a career that got off to a rocky start, she has become one of the more acclaimed singer-songwriters of her generation, and therefore will be victorious.

RECORD OF THE YEAR: "Hey, Ma," Bon Iver; "Bad Guy," Billie Eilish; "7 Rings," Ariana Grande; "Hard Place," H.E.R.; "Talk," Khalid; "Old Town Road," Lil Nas X featuring Billy Ray Cyrus; "Truth Hurts," Lizzo; "Sunflower," Post Malone and Swae Lee

MOODY: Clearly Lil Nas X had the most popular song of the year with "Old Town Road," even breaking Mariah Carey's record for the most weeks at No. 1 with his country-rap hybrid. But this isn't the American Music Awards where popularity counts, and I don't think a song that started out from TikTok is going to win voters over. "Truth Hurts" wasn't at No. 1 as long as "Old Town Road" but may have resonated far, becoming an anthem for so many women (and beyond). Lizzo is 100 percent getting this Grammy.

FEKADU: In the past at the Grammys, the ubiquitous, unconventional No. 1 hit doesn't take this trophy home. "Despacito," "All About That Bass" and "I Gotta Feeling" are some good examples. However, "Old Town Road" seemed to get past being the silliest song of the year, becoming an undeniably good tune that was hard to resist, which is why it topped the Hot 100 chart for 19 weeks. That's why I think Lil Nas X is going to take his horse to the old town road and ride it to the Grammys stage.

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Billy Ray Cyrus, at left, and Lil Nas X perform "Old Town Road" at the BET Awards in Los Angeles in June.

SONG OF THE YEAR (SONGWRITER'S AWARD): "Always Remember Us This Way," Lady Gaga, Natalie Hemby, Hillary Lindsey and Lori McKenna; "Bad Guy," Billie Eilish and Finneas O'Connell; "Bring My Flowers Now," Tanya Tucker, Brandi Carlile, Phil Hanseroth and Tim Hanseroth; "Hard Place," H.E.R., Rodney Jerkins, Ruby Amanfu, Sam Ashworth and D. Arcelious Harris; "Lover," Taylor Swift; "Norman (Expletive) Rockwell," Lana Del Rey and Jack Antonoff; "Someone You Loved," Lewis Capaldi, Tom Barnes, Pere Kelleher, Benjamin Kohn and Sam Roman; "Truth Hurts," Lizzo, Ricky Reed, Tele and Jesse Saint John

FEKADU: In my humble opinion, the top candidates here are Taylor Swift, Billie Eilish and Lewis Capaldi. Swift has some edge since she wrote "Lover" alone, but if the song had performed stronger, I would be more convinced to pick her. That leaves me with Eilish and Capaldi, who might be a bit too new to win such a huge award. Good guys do finish last because "Bad Guy" will win.

MOODY: Swift really should win this one (and should have been nominated for album of the year, too, if I can get a little Swiftie here). But as much as she deserves to win, the Grammys love a comeback story, and giving Tanya Tucker's "Bring My Flowers Now" would be that moment voters would be proud of, plus they adore Brandi Carlile. Tucker will take home the gold.

BEST NEW ARTIST: Black Pumas; Billie Eilish; Lil Nas X; Lizzo; Maggie Rogers; Rosalía; Tank and the Bangas; Yola

MOODY: There might be eight names listed here, but it's really a contest between two: Lizzo and Billie Eilish. Both are singer-songwriters, musicians, and have paved unique paths in the journey to fame. But as brilliant and entertaining as Lizzo is, she's hardly a new artist, with at least two albums released already. My money is on the kid. Eighteen-year-old Billie will likely take this one.

FEKADU: The truth does hurt, Lizzo: Billie wins here.

BEST POP VOCAL ALBUM: "The Lion King: The Gift," Beyoncé; "When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?," Billie Eilish; "Thank U, Next," Ariana Grande; "No. 6 Collaborations Project," Ed Sheeran; "Lover," Taylor Swift

FEKADU: Love Taylor, but she won't win here. Everything Beyoncé releases is a gift, but the holidays are over. And we all know how much the Grammys love to shade Ed Sheeran – oops, I'm just thinking out loud. That leaves us with Ariana Grande, who won this award last year and dominated the Billboard charts with multiple songs from "Thank U, Next." And in the other corner is newcomer Billie Eilish, who made an influential pop project in her bedroom with her brother, Finneas, in the producer role. Me thinks Eilish will edge Grande for the win, especially since the 18-year-old's album scored a nod for best engineered album (non-classical) and Finneas is up for producer of the year (non-classical).

MOODY: The fact that this is just Taylor's second nod shows Grammy voters aren't in a loving mood toward Swift this year (maybe she'll call them out on her next album). Mesfin makes some very good points about Eilish and I kind of want to believe him, but Grande had such a brilliant year and a hot tour that something tells me she'll be saying "Thank You" when the winner is revealed here.

BEST ALTERNATIVE MUSIC ALBUM: "U.F.O.F.," Big Thief; "Assume Form," James Blake; "I,I," Bon Iver; "Father of the Bride," Vampire Weekend; "Anima," Thom Yorke

MOODY: Thom Yorke has already won this category twice as a member of Radiohead. Expect this Rock and Roll Hall of Famer to win it once again with his solo work.

FEKADU: Sike, Nekesa. Because both Bon Iver and Vampire Weekend are nominated for album of the year, I thought maybe they were the front-runners. But then I remembered how epic James Blake's album is and how he has continuously been the go-to guy in music, with Beyoncé, Kendrick Lamar, Jay-Z, Travis Scott and others requesting his services. That'll give him enough votes to take this home.

hp HOME & GARDEN

Fans hold onto their paper planners

Proponents cite comfort, creativity as reasons why

By KATHERINE ROTH
Associated Press

In a digital and increasingly paperless age, fans of paper planners remain enthusiastic and steadfast.

"There's something comforting about using a planner. It's very personal, and apart from the cacophony of screens," says Jennie Tung, executive editor at Martha Stewart Living, adding paper planners have "a retro appeal."

"The act of writing things down by hand slows you down and makes you more mindful," she says. "A paper planner becomes a personal record, and for some people it's almost like a diary."

Many paper planners today are so well-designed that they become a way to make a statement, she says.

"They are beautifully designed objects that are a joy to hold and use," she says.

And contrary to what one might imagine, many of the biggest fans of papers planners aren't older people who grew up with them but a younger generation embracing their comfortable vibe.

According to Stephanie Fleming, co-founder of Me & My BIG Ideas, which makes The Happy Planner, "the age demographic is around 25 to the early 40s range, with a lot of movement toward college-age women."

"I had imagined younger people preferring digital planners, but younger generations really want to slow down a bit," she says. "Having everything at their fingertips is not necessarily making people happy. There's something about going back to basics. A lot of people are looking for some digital detox."

Tung notes that paper planners now come in an array of designs and can be carried around all day. A few brands noted by the pros at Martha Stewart Living as chic and well-designed include Smythson, Appointed, and Sugar Paper, as well as the "bare bones but gets the job done" paper planners from Rollbahn.

All the planners offered by The Happy Planner feature encouraging words and positive messaging for those working toward health wellness, career or financial goals, for example.

And with their accompanying planner stickers and customizable extension packets, they can be a creative outlet akin to scrapbooking.

"A planner is not just about being a calendar. It's about so much more than that," Fleming says. "There's the aspect of focus and creativity, in addition to productivity."

She admits that "digital calendars are nice because they keep your desk uncluttered," but adds, "people do engage more when they write things down."

Paper planners range from minimalist versions costing a few dollars to fancy planners for more than $100.

And there's always the option of using digital and paper in some combination.

In the meantime, paper still has a place with many people trying to keep a complicated life in order.

"When I sit down on a Sunday and plan my week in my planner," Fleming says, "it's registering things in a way it doesn't if it's on my phone or computer."

Calamine pink, or Dead Salmon?

What's behind paint names

By KIM COOK
Associated Press

Benjamin Moore / AP

A room is painted with Benjamin Moore's 2020 Color of the Year: First Light, a dreamy, soft shade of pink.

Ever wonder how paint colors get their names?

If you're shopping for pink, say, you'll find dozens of shades referencing roses, bubblegum and shells. There are some extra-evocative names like Calamine and Dead Salmon. And what about a pink called Harajuku Morning? Modern Love?

Names can sway a person, says New York designer Daun Curry.

"We once had a client choose one paint color over another because the name was Peace and Happiness," she says.

More often, we pick a shade because we like it, color consultant Debra Kling of New York says, and "the names' associations serve to augment our feelings about the hues."

She warns clients that paints when applied can look very different from their names: Creams, especially, easily veer into yellow territory, even when there's no hint of that hue in their name.

Natalie Ebel, co-founder of the direct-to-consumer paint company Backdrop – which is behind Harajuku Morning and Modern Love – says choosing the right names for paint colors is essential.

"We encourage customers to not just paint their walls, but create their backdrop," she says. "So each name was chosen to evoke an emotional connection; we were inspired by real people, places, things and moods."

Farrow & Ball is known for creative naming. Its latest Colour By Nature palette, made in collaboration with London's Natural History Museum, was inspired by Werner's Nomenclature of Colours, an 1814 guide that cross-references hues with markings and colorations found in nature. Scotch Blue, for example, suggests both the throat of a blue titmouse and copper ore.

Time and place also provide inspiration, Farrow & Ball's color consultant Joa Studholme says.

"Occasionally, the paint name comes almost before the color. Plummett was mixed after an afternoon spent fishing on the river, where the color of the lead used to weight the fisherman's line was a thing of such beauty that it just begged to be added to the Farrow & Ball palette," she says.

Studholme explains the backstories on two Farrow & Ball pinks, Calamine and Dead Salmon.

"For many people of a certain age, Calamine lotion was an intrinsic part of early life," she says. "Applied to treat scraped knees, stings and the general travails of a lively childhood, it was always of comfort. And what was more calming, the actual lotion or its extraordinary delicate color? It certainly creates soothing rooms in the modern world."

As for the fishy one, the name was found on a decorator's invoice dated 1805 for a library.

"Salmon is the color, and Dead actually refers to the matte paint finish," Studholme says.

Another rosy paint Studholme thinks is well-named was inspired by the soft, feminine shade found in traditional ladies' private quarters. But "Boudoir Pink" didn't sit right, she says.

"So, we spent time considering how the boudoir got its name, only to discover it comes from the French bouder, meaning 'to sulk.' Thus, Sulking Room Pink was born," she says.

Pink has enjoyed a favored position in the color pantheon since at least 2014, when movie director Wes Anderson clad his "Grand Budapest Hotel" in the hue. That was followed by rose gold fever. Color company Pantone designated light pinks as signature colors in 2016 and 2017.

Paint marketers generally like names that are aspirational, that stir the imagination. First Light is Benjamin Moore's 2020 Color of the Year, a dreamy, soft shade of pink.

The company's director of color marketing and development, Andrea Magno, says that while the color was already part of Benjamin Moore's 3,500-hue library, "it's always fortuitous when the trend concept and color name complement one another. While descriptions like 'light pink' are quite straightforward, we also look for names that evoke positive associations and experiences."

PPG Paint's senior color marketing manager, Dee Schlotter, says Linen Ruffle is the top pink requested on the company's Paintzen platform. It's a pale, taupe-tinged white with a pink undertone, named to evoke images of ruffly pillows and curtains.

And what about Kenny's Kiss or Salsa Diane, two other pinks in the PPG collection? The former was named after an employee's dog; the latter after a color lab stylist's beachy dress.

HGTV Home by Sherwin-Williams' color of the year is Romance, another gentle pink with a name that stirs feelings.

Ebel, of Backdrop, says pinks have been the most fun to name.

"I wanted to keep the colors and names approachable for people like me – I wasn't a huge pink person before Backdrop," she says.

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Modern, warm and welcoming, this farmhouse design feels fresh and contemporary. Mixed exterior siding and a cute front porch deliver stylish curb appeal, while an open floor plan creates a spacious interior.

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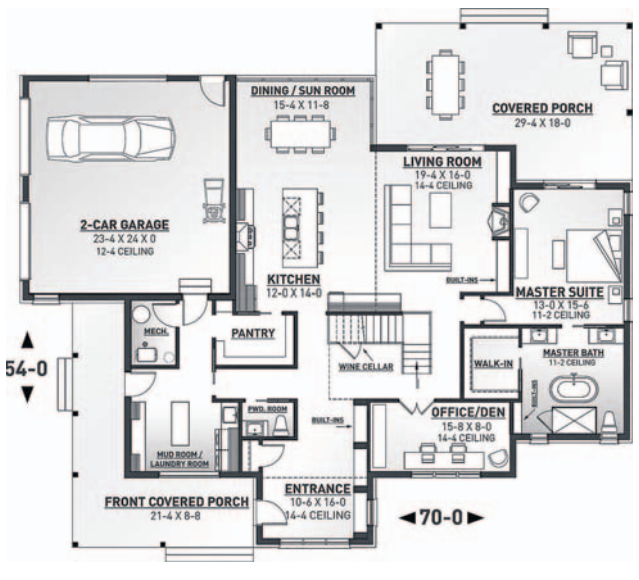

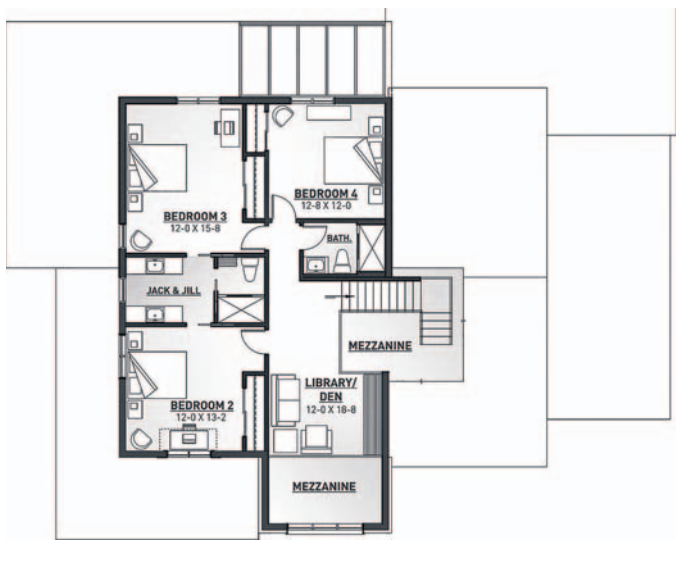

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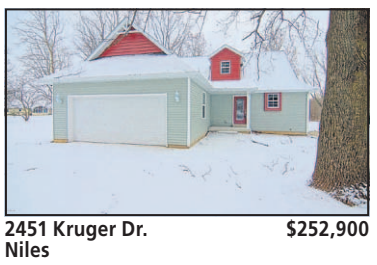

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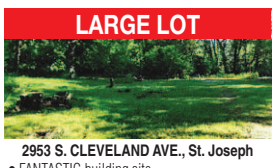

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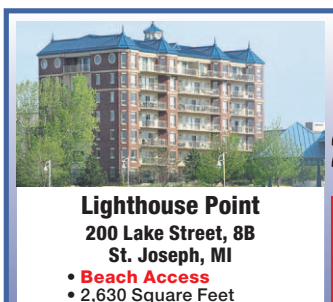

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TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF ST. JOSEPH CHARTER TOWNSHIP:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in St. Joseph Charter Township on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. The last day to register for the election in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday February 24, 2020, by 5:00 p.m. Voters may register by mail using a mail-in voter registration form or in person at a Secretary of State Branch Office or the applicant's county, or township clerk's office. Voter registration forms may be obtained from the Township's website www.sjct.org and from mi.gov/vote.
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THE FURTHER PURPOSE is to vote on the following proposal as presented and listed below:
ST. JOSEPH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the St. Joseph Charter Township Hall, 3000 Washington Ave., St. Joseph, MI 49085 or may be viewed at www.michigan.gov/sos under Elections, , Michigan Votes Voter Information Center, Sample Ballot and More, View your Sample Ballot for the upcoming election.

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Registrations will be received at St. Joseph Charter Township Hall located at 3000 Washington Avenue, St. Joseph, MI 49085, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Patrice Rose
St. Joseph Charter Township Clerk

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The Hagar Township Zoning Board of Appeals will consider an application for a variance on the property located at 2878 Mizpah Park Rd, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, parcel 11-10-5030-004-00-1 at a public hearing on February 18, 2020. This meeting will be held at 7:00pm at the Hagar Township Hall, 3900 Riverside Rd, Riverside, MI. The public is invited to this public hearing to. Contact the Township Hall at 269-849-0455 with any questions before the public hearing.

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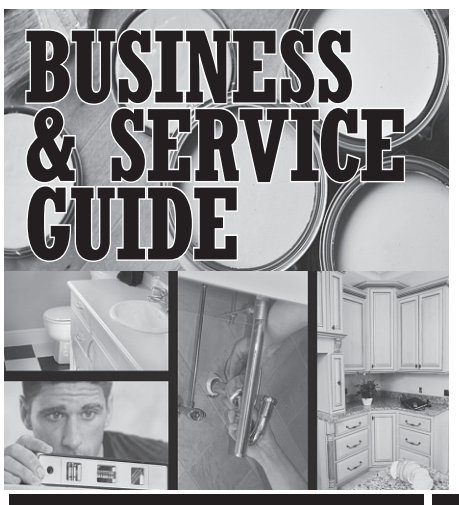

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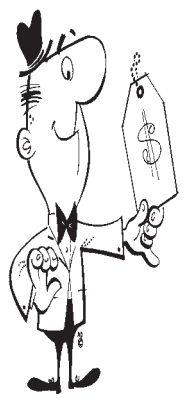

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Crossword Answers E5

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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"EM DASH"
By BLAKE SLONECKER

ACROSS
1 Sent regrets, say, briefly
6 Tank to go under
11 Sweater predator
15 Morsel in a linguine sauce
19 Get around
20 Upstanding
21 Twistable treat
22 "The Godfather" enforcer __ Brasi
23 Tales of woe?
25 Piggy bank?
27 High hybrid stat.
28 Organization for the 50+ crowd
29 Train units
31 Musical corps members
32 Feminist poet Lorde
34 Delicate fabric
35 Explode
37 Inflated accommodation
39 Leave politics to wander?
44 Historian's Muse
45 The Emerald Isle
46 Attack
47 Yemeni port
48 App for getting a hip escort?
51 __ Diego
52 What some hounds follow
53 Fails to understand
54 Plug
58 Car dealer's offering
59 Kama __
61 Illinois-to-Washington family
63 Early fur trader
64 Tired routine
67 Precipitation not yet visible?
70 Busy hosp. areas
71 Absinthe flavoring
73 Sarges' superiors
74 English glam rockers since the '70s
76 Someone to pay?
77 Big bomb trials
79 Ties
83 Cher and Che
84 Big __
85 Mafia hopefuls' repressed personas?
87 Artful
88 Really dug
90 Sarah McLachlan hit
91 Basic diamond trio
92 Musty sheets?
95 Metaphorical incentive
97 Part of TNT
98 Crimson rivals
99 Writer Sontag
100 Winter hanger
103 Burt's Bees product
104 Tap lineup
105 Neruda wrote one to "things"
108 Libertine on screen?
111 Musical works for deep voices?
114 Scheme
115 Novelist Murdoch
116 Cyber Monday sector
117 Tiptoe, say
118 Performed on karaoke night
119 'Tis the season
120 Currently
121 Quicker than is prudent

DOWN
1 Copier supply unit
2 Freudian __
3 One with unrefined tastes
4 Peck in the park, briefly
5 An era may be confined to one
6 Camping treat
7 Brilliant stroke
8 One may be measured in cups
9 It's under Wayne Manor
10 French border region
11 Oft-beaded footwear
12 W. state whose largest city is named for a New England city
13 Perfect score, often
14 Hurry, with "it"
15 Challenges for climbers
16 Swanky
17 Taiwanese tech giant
18 Rover's destination
24 ID __
26 Tick off
30 Ones crying foul?
33 Curved fasteners
34 Leapers in a carol
35 Avoided unhappy consequences
36 Muscat's land
37 "Back in Black" band
38 Pelvic bones
39 Cristo Redentor city
40 Job application component
41 Brainstorm
42 Bleeping official
43 Joins, as a club
45 TV chef Lagasse
49 Ones taking a lot of interest in their work?
50 Org. that sued SeaWorld on behalf of orcas
52 Libel, in speech
55 Comedian Fields
56 Orchestral winds
57 Milwaukee theater named for a brewer, with "the"
60 Spanish New Year
62 One-named Tejano singer
64 Quick, in Quito
65 Peace Prize-winning relief org.
66 Hoops jump ball
68 "Couldn't agree more"
69 Roof edge
72 It follows a guilty verdict
75 "Bewitched" witch
78 A and B, on LPs
80 Harmony ruiners
81 "Do __ others ... "
82 Sibilant attention-getter
84 Soup step
86 "Henry & June" diarist
88 French comics series set in Gaul in 50 BC
89 Entreaty
90 Lively movement
93 River where down means north
94 "Doubt it"
95 Sticks by the pool table
96 Per se
99 In a wily way
100 Little handfuls
101 Royal Crown, for one
102 "Terrible" leader
103 Téa's "Madam Secretary" role
104 Home to most of the Silk Road
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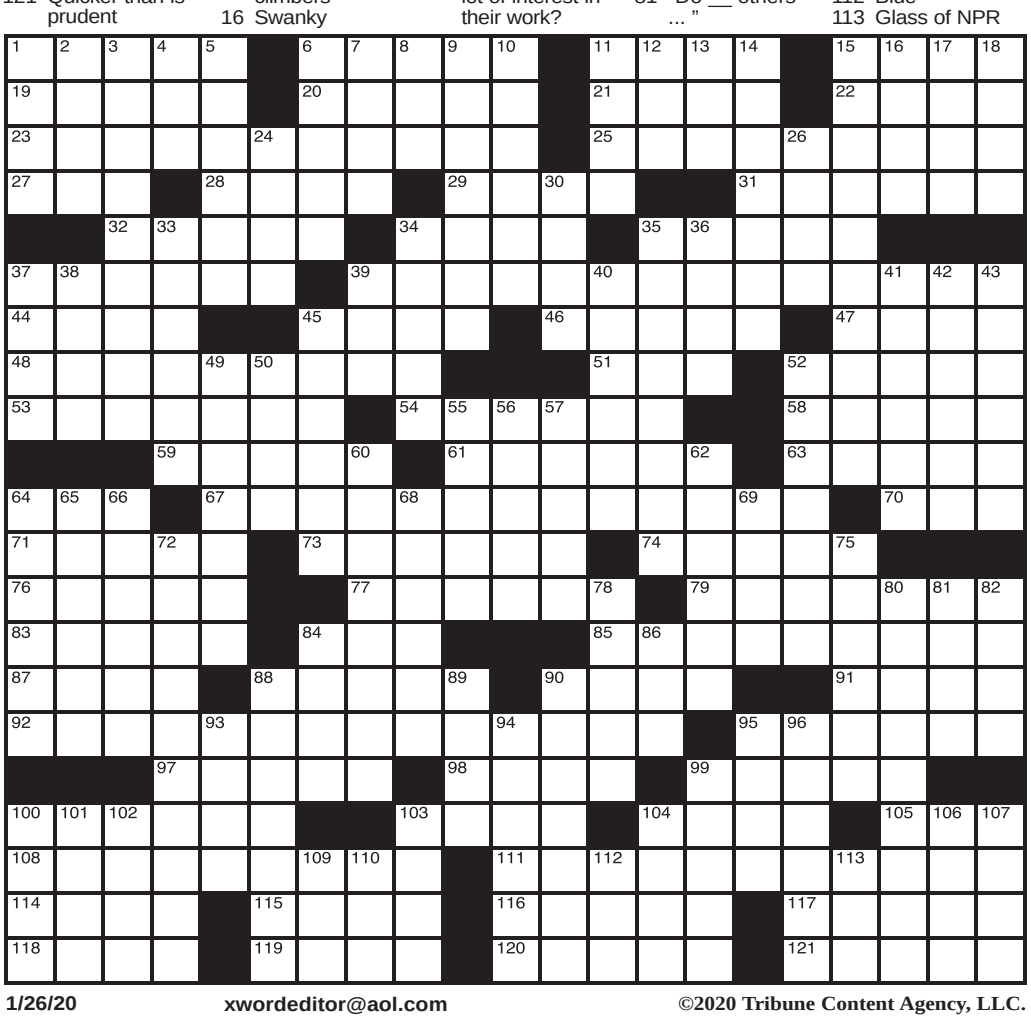

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HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Revisit an old idea. What's trending now will fit well with your plans. Make sure you pay overdue debts this year. You can achieve what you set out to do if you stick to the rules and regulations. Intelligence will outmatch force.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Set a new trend. Your innovative mind will capture interest. You'll gain satisfaction if you do your best and follow your plan through to completion.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't leave anything to chance. Gather facts and find out what's possible and what isn't. You will gain ground if you are precise in what you do and say. Romance is featured.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Share information, discuss your plans with a loved one and make a physical move to turn your dream into reality. Choose strategic maneuvers over impulsive action.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be a leader, not a follower. If you are too easygoing, someone will impose on you to do or pay for things that aren't your responsibility. Do things for yourself, not for others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll have some great ideas that will parlay you into a good position with leverage and maneuverability. Don't mince words. Follow your heart and speak your mind.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't overdo it or take on too much. It's best to put your energy into things you enjoy. Romance is in the stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Refrain from making promises that you will not want to fulfill. Someone is likely to hold back the information you require to make a well-informed decision. Do your own fact-finding.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Look at the choices you have and make a move. If you execute your ideas in a unique fashion, you'll gain support and interest in what you are planning to pursue. Romance is on the rise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Once you make up your mind, the rest will fall into place. Trust and believe in what you are capable of doing and follow through with your plans. Shoot for the stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Someone will offer dishonest feedback. Ask pertinent questions to avoid making an ill-informed decision. Protect your ideas, reputation and possessions. Success is the sweetest revenge. Romance looks promising.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Stay focused, well-informed and up-to-date regarding what's trending. Stand tall and show everyone what you've got to offer. Refuse to let someone back you into a corner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will gain satisfaction if you get involved in a cause. Take a leadership position that allows you to show off your attributes. Stop being a bystander; it's time to take charge and excel.

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Slow and steady wins the Prius race

DEAR CAR TALK: Do Prius owners really think they need to set the (slow) pace for everyone else?

Very often, at the head of a line of slow-moving vehicles is a Prius, or one will pull out in front of another car and slow down every car behind it.

Is it because the car cannot accelerate, or is it because the owners of that particular car feel the need to control others? – Susan

DEAR SUSAN: I don't think it's either one.

We know a famous researcher named Dr. David Giovannoni. He once explained to us that humans (and organizations) achieve what they measure.

Ray Magliozzi
Car Talk

Who buys a Toyota Prius? Someone who wants to get better gas mileage than the rest of us mortals. And guess what a big screen on the dashboard of the Prius does? It measures mileage. Constantly.

By watching the numbers change on that screen, Prius drivers learn very quickly that by accelerating very gently, they can coax their mileage up from 53.8 mpg to 54.1 mpg.

That makes them feel good. So they learn to feather that gas pedal and take 25 seconds to get from 0-60 while you're cursing at them through your windshield.

It's not that the Prius can't accelerate. It will accelerate like pretty much any other car if you put your foot down.

And it's not that they feel a need to be controlling. They're just pursuing their personal goal of maximizing their mileage – because they care about it, and they're constantly measuring it.

Likewise, if you measured your blood pressure, Susan, you'd probably find that it goes up when you're stuck behind a Prius.

If you took a few deep breaths and said to yourself, "How nice, there's a person who cares about the planet and is making the world a better place by wasting less fuel," you'd see your blood pressure go down.

Then you'd throw the blood pressure monitor out the window and pass the Prius with a few choice hand gestures.

DEAR CAR TALK: I have a 1997 Cadillac Seville. The power steering was making noises, so I took it to the old Cadillac dealer (which is now a Chevy dealer). This led to an expensive succession of repairs.

They said the fluid was leaking from the pressure hose, the pump and the steering rack and pinion. They replaced all three for $2,200.

The re-manufactured pump they put in made a grinding noise, so they replaced that with another one.

After that, the car was harder to steer, so I took it back again. They did a pressure test on the second re-manufactured power steering pump, and found that it was producing 800 psi, below the minimum acceptable 1,700 psi. So they put in a third one.

The SLS was still hard to steer, so I went back again. They confirmed that it's harder to steer than it should be but said the third pump is "operating as designed."

Now the car drives like it barely has power steering at all. What do I do now? – John

DEAR JOHN: It could be a seized universal joint in the steering column, but if they missed that coupling when they changed the rack and pinion, shame on them.

They're using re-manufactured power steering pumps because new ones probably aren't made anymore for this car. And they're obviously not of great quality since at least two out of three of them failed – and the jury's still out on the third one.

It's possible that your current pump is sub-par, too. You could ask them to take one more shot at it, especially since they agree the car is supposed to be easier to steer.

If it's harder to steer primarily when the car is cold, or primarily in one direction rather than both directions, then they might have given you a defective rack and pinion.

I would think they'd have put a new one in, but who knows?

And as you now know, power steering racks are very expensive to replace. It's not a cheap part, and there's a lot of labor involved. So they're going to whine if you push them for another new one.

But they owe it to you to solve this problem after all the money you spent. And if they replace the rack and pinion again, ask them to find you a new one.

Got a question about cars? Write to Ray Magliozzi in care of King Features, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or email him by visiting the Car Talk website: www.cartalk.com.

The revamped Detroit auto show arrives in June ... but will it work?

Dar Davis

Normally this time of year I plan a trip to what was once Cobo Center (now named the TCF Center) and enjoy a couple of days witnessing the introduction of dozens of new vehicles. Not this year because the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) decided last year, after 30 years, to move its Detroit auto show from frigid January to hopefully balmy (and dry) June. The planners obviously are not native Michiganders and are unaware of the weather Michigan is famous for. Our state has earned the slogan, "Don't like Michigan weather, wait five minutes."

Dar Davis / HP correspondent

The North American International Auto Show arrives in 2020 with NEW written all over it. The revamped event is now held in the warm weather month of June. The show's venue has a new name; Cobo Center is now TCF Center. A splendid new feature called the British and Italian Supercar Festival will be inaugurated. New also will be many outdoor attractions including an assortment of food vendors, musical concerts, ride and drive opportunities and much more. Not new is the main display area in TCF Center that will still show hundreds of vehicles by dozens of automakers, both domestic and foreign.

Regardless of the weather on June 9-10 in downtown Detroit, I plan to be there and have a good time. In fact I'm pumped! As I've reported previously on these pages, the organizers of the NAIAS made the decision a year ago to move the event to warmer weather and the month picked with fewest conflicts was June. Most of the new vehicles from domestic and foreign automakers will still be displayed indoors in the interior of the TCF Center located adjacent to the Detroit River. The hope is that there will be enough participating vendors (in this case automakers and related business businesses) to fill the cavernous space. In recent years a frightening number of automakers, mostly foreign brands, have decided to not participate in the once-significant automotive venue. Last year no-shows included Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Audi, Jaguar, Porsche and others. Even mom and pop brands like Mazda and Mini stayed away.

The NAIAS team isn't stopping with just moving the show dates to the summer. In a total rethink of the way the show is presented, they also have announced plans, and this is the part I'm excited about, to offer numerous and never-tried-before outdoor festivities on the 14-acres available adjacent to the TCF Center alongside the Detroit River. The Detroit auto show will move from being an indoor centralized static display of new vehicles to one that will be a broader celebration of driving fun, style and speed.

With more hospitable weather dozens of events will be offered scattered about the Detroit River riverfront and even in nearby downtown metro Detroit. These events, now in the early planning stages, will take place on the real estate between the TCF Center and GM's World Headquarters in the Renaissance Center building complex. Hart Plaza at the foot of famous Woodward Avenue and other nearby grassy sites will entice visitors to linger and enjoy a variety of offerings, including ethnic food vendors, special musical concert programs and other outdoor displays. Planners are even discussing the possibility of having water ferries on the Detroit River to take attendees up to Belle Isle and, get this, creating a test track on the roof of the TCF Center for ride and drive experiences. Better yet, electric and autonomous vehicle shuttles running in downtown Detroit will also be available. This activity alone might make the trip worthwhile for many who would like to participate in a "no hands need" experience of self-driving cars.

The latest activity that may just be the clincher to get folks to downtown Detroit in record numbers is the newly created Motor Bella – British and Italian Supercar Festival. This five-day extravaganza will certainly appeal to my 21- and 24-year old grandsons. They like fast cars like the Corvette and SS396 Malibus, but they REALLY love high-end performance cars like Ferrari and McLaren. Motor Bella takes its name from the combination of motor and bella, which combines the historical British concept of "motoring" with the Italian word for beautiful. The new festival will be held June 4-8 – a week ahead of the June 12-20 NAIAS public showing in TCF Center. The Motor Bella Festival will be held in an area roughly bounded by the Michigan Opera House and the Shinola and Elements hotels. Over 100 British and Italian supercars will be on display. Names like Alfa Romeo, Aston Martin, Bentley, Ferrari, Jaguar, Lamborghini, Land Rover, Lotus and McLaren will be on hand. An ultra high-end feature called the The Gallery, on Saturday only, will be held on June 6 for luxury car buyers. Also good to know is that at the conclusion of Motor Bella, a good number of the supercars will be moved to TCF Center and be displayed during the public run of the NAIAS. It has been mentioned by some that perhaps the Motor Bella Festival will develop into the American version of the Goodwood Festival of Speed in the United Kingdom. That would make Motor Bella truly something special, especially for auto racing enthusiasts and speed freaks.

Trivia question

Name this year's Motor Trend magazine's 2020 Car, Truck and SUV of the year winners?

NAIAS officials won't know the exact number of new-vehicles that will be unveiled at their show. Certainly the number will be less than in past decades but they are hopeful that 15-20 vehicles will make their world or American debut at the show.

The 26th annual North American Car And Truck of the Year (NACATY) awards were announced last week at TCP Center. Historically the awards are announced in January just before the NAIAS press preview. A decision had to be made by the NACATY organizers whether to wait until the rescheduled June NAIAS event to announce winners or keep the January date. January won. Fifty automotive journalist test drove the initial 60 candidates presenting all-new or significantly improved 2020 models. They reduced the number from 60 to nine, then voted again to determine the annual winner of the coveted award. The Car of the Year finalists were the Chevrolet Corvette, Hyundai Sonata and Toyota Supra. Not surprisingly, the Corvette won – probably in a landslide. How often does a cherished iconic American sports car make a switch to mid-engine configuration and sell for $60,000?!? The Truck of Year final candidates were the Ford Ranger, Jeep Gladiator and Ram HD. This probably wasn't a contest either. The all-new and long awaited mid-size Gladiator pickup won. I'm thinking it was harder for the 50 judges to decide on the Utility of the Year winner. The Kia Telluride and Hyundai Palisades crossover are near-twins from the same Korean auto conglomerate, but both are really great vehicles. Lincoln is getting rave reviews on its new Lincoln Aviator. I kind of expected the Lincoln to win but the judges went with the Telluride. It's selling like hotcakes, so maybe that was a motivator.

I don't like to wish a year away but I'm really anxious for June to arrive. It will be an adventure to return to downtown Detroit for the auto show press preview and have all these new attractions to float my boat. Here's hoping the NEW NAIAS is a splendid success and gains back some of the prestige it once held back in the day.

Trivia Answer: Chevrolet Corvette, Ram Heavy Duty and Kia Telluride.

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BEHIND THE WHEEL

How to buy a high-demand car in a seller's market

By RONALD MONTOYA
Edmunds (AP)

Nearly every time a hotly anticipated new or redesigned vehicle first hits dealer lots, a number of enterprising dealerships will take the opportunity to make some additional profit. The good news for consumers is that there are ways around these markups.

Recent examples include the Dodge Demon and the Ford F-150 Raptor. At the peak of their popularity, these vehicles had "market adjustments" on their window stickers ranging from $10,000 to upward of $30,000 over the manufacturer's suggested retail price.

It's likely that the same thing will happen with the new Chevrolet Corvette when it arrives at dealerships soon.

This issue doesn't just affect flashy performance vehicles. In recent months, in-demand vehicles such as the Kia Telluride and the Toyota RAV4 Hybrid have been selling for a few thousand above MSRP. It's a textbook case of supply and demand in which there are more customers than cars.

While frustrating and costly, this price adjustment is within a dealership's rights. After all, the "S" in MSRP stands for "suggested."

Here are ways for consumers to deal with dealership markups on a high-demand vehicle.

Get in early

Once you've caught wind of a new or redesigned vehicle you suspect will be in high demand, get in touch with the dealership to place an order. This strategy not only secures you a vehicle but also reduces the chances of a markup.

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In recent months, in-demand vehicles such as the Kia Telluride, seen here, and the Toyota RAV4 Hybrid have been selling for a few thousand above MSRP. It's a textbook case of supply and demand in which there are more customers than cars.

You may have to put down a deposit, which is normal, but just make sure you get the selling price in writing and know the refund policy in case you change your mind.

Once the vehicle arrives, the dealership should charge you the MSRP.

Know the pricing variability

If you didn't place an order or weren't aware that you could, now is the time to determine the market value of the vehicle you're interested in.

Find comparable vehicles at a few dealerships and get price quotes to see what they're selling for. This research will give you an idea of whether a markup is in the ballpark or way off-base.

Find a dealership without markups and pay MSRP

Not all dealerships will subscribe to this "market adjustment" philosophy. Your goal is to find those dealers and shop with them. You might have to cast your net wider to a dealership out of town or in the next county.

That said, this tactic won't automatically translate to a discount. Since the vehicle is in high demand, paying sticker price would be considered a fair deal, and anything below that would be a bonus.

Negotiate the markup

Here's a secret about some – but not all – of the more outrageous markups: Dealers set the markups high with the expectation that customers will negotiate it down to a more reasonable level.

It's a win-win for the dealership because even if you manage to cut a $5,000 markup in half, it's still making $2,500 on the sale.

If you want that car now, this technique can still reap a significant improvement on the asking price. Let the salesperson know you're a serious buyer and be ready to act if the dealership is willing to come down on price.

Wait for things to cool down

How badly do you want that car? If you can wait a few months or even a year, prices will eventually fall and you won't have to deal with any of these issues.

In the meantime, we recommend periodically checking on prices to see if they've dropped. Unless the vehicle is a limited-production model, you shouldn't have an issue getting a better price down the line.

A common markup variation

You might run into a vehicle that doesn't explicitly have a dealer markup but has instead been loaded with accessories and priced well above the initial starting point.

On the one hand, you'd actually get something for your money, but you would still spend roughly the same amount as a markup. Unless you want those accessories, the same advice applies.

Shop around for a vehicle without the add-ons since you'll have a harder time persuading a dealership to remove them.

Answer To Today's Puzzle

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HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Take what belongs to you. Set your sights on your goals and don't look back. It's your turn to shine, and if you put in the effort, you will get what you deserve. An open mind and wise choices will lead to victory. Do your own thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Avoid battles that you cannot win. Ease your stress by doing something you enjoy. Taking time out will give you a new perspective on how to fix what's troubling you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't make a move if you don't have all the facts. An impulsive decision will send you on an adventure that tests your patience, causes anxiety and costs you time or money.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Less talk and more action will put you in a good position. Don't let someone else's uncertainty stand in your way. Love is featured, and a promise made will please you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone will be quick to point out flaws. Go over every detail and leave nothing to chance. Don't present what you have to offer until you are ready.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Speak up, follow your heart and make changes that will please you. Don't worry about what others say or do. What's important is how your decisions affect you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Prove how valuable you are by taking charge and doing what you say you are going to do. Living up to the goals you set and the promises you make will be satisfying.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Getting involved in other people's affairs will be to your detriment. You won't get much in return, and you are likely to end up paying emotionally and financially.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Mix and mingle. You have a lot to offer and plenty to gain if you participate in events that appeal to you. Show your interest in others and listen and learn.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't stop before you finish. Visit a friend or relative who could use your help. Someone you encounter will help you figure out where you see yourself heading.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Get out and do something that will challenge you mentally, physically and emotionally. Put your energy into doing something constructive, entertaining or creative. Romance will enhance your personal life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Unusual or unfamiliar destinations will spark your imagination and give life to new ideas and plans. Get involved in matters that concern you, and explore the best way to contribute.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Finish something that you left undone. You will produce much if you are allowed to work independently of others. Don't give in to someone asking for a handout. Charity begins at home.

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FORS SPECIAL PACKAGE RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 750
FORD RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 250
FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 750
FORD BONUS CASH	- 1,500
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FORD BONUS CASH	- 1,250
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REBATE	- 1,000
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MSRP	$30,245
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,250
REBATE	- 1,750
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 500
JEEP SELECT INVENTORY CASH	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$26,245
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

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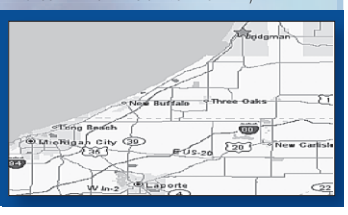

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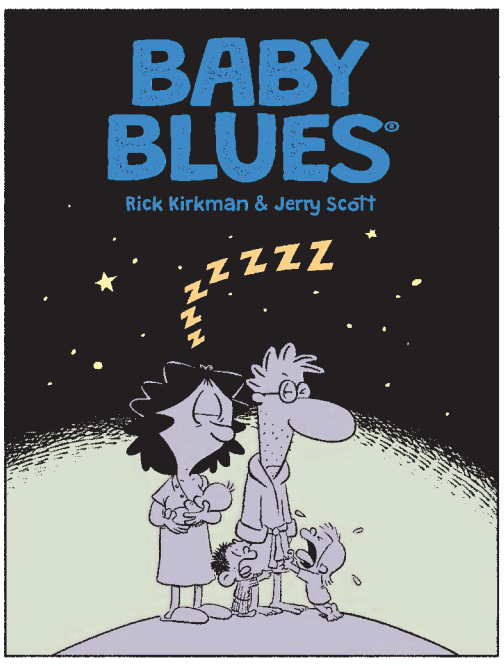

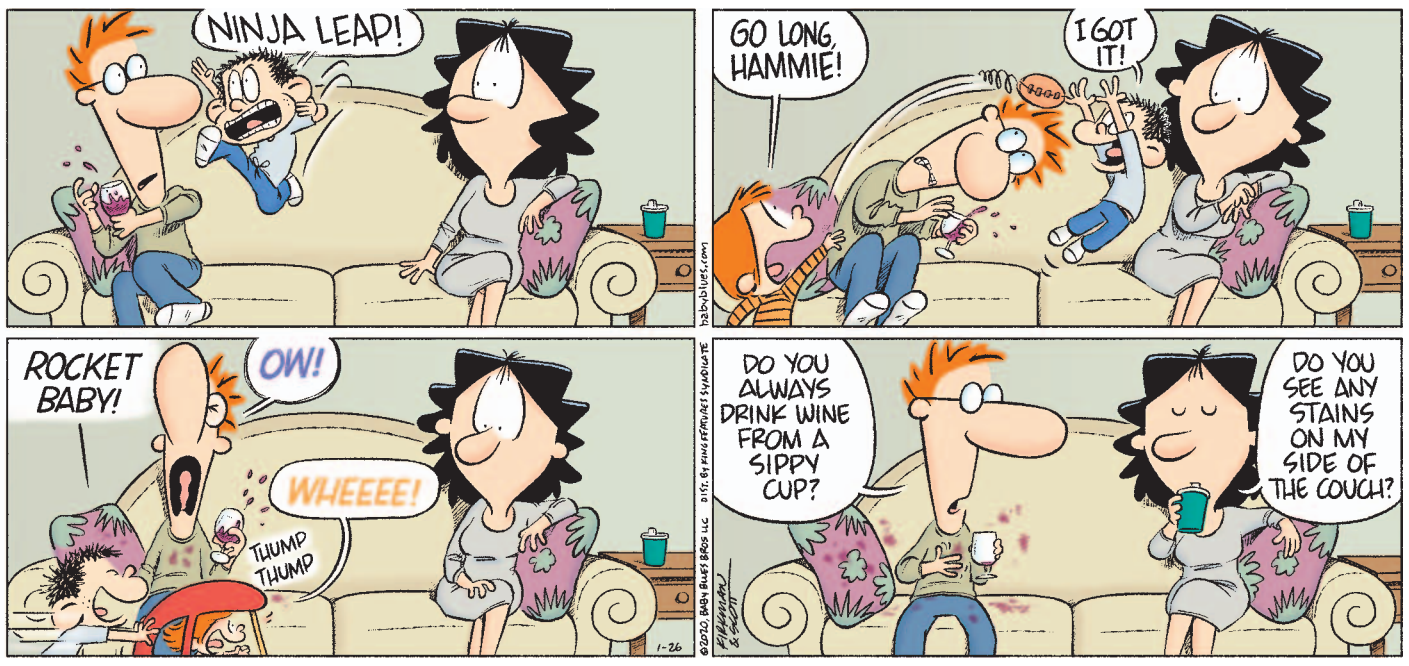

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I DON'T SEE ANY DOWNSIDE TO THAT!
MY FIRST QUESTION IS, DO YOU STILL CHEAT ALL OF YOUR SUPPLIERS?
NO! OF COURSE NOT.
SO, YOU'RE ADMITTING YOU CHEATED YOUR SUPPLIERS IN THE PAST?
GET OUT OF MY OFFICE, YOU EVIL MONSTER!
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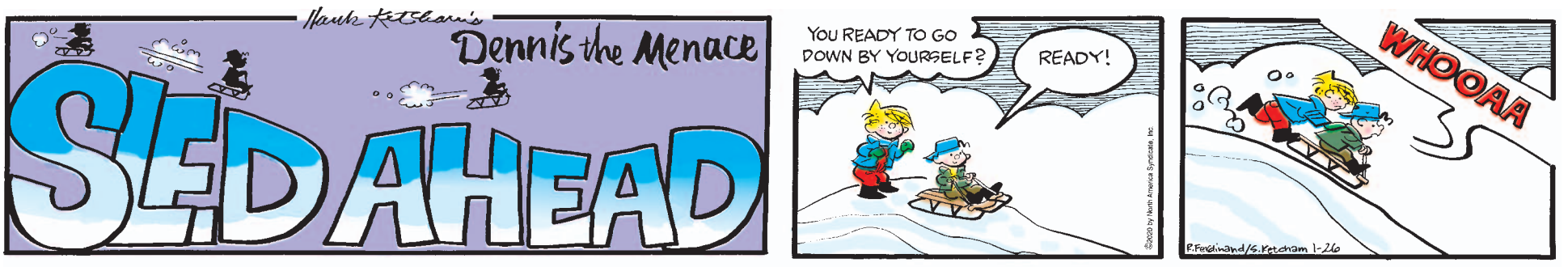

CURTIS

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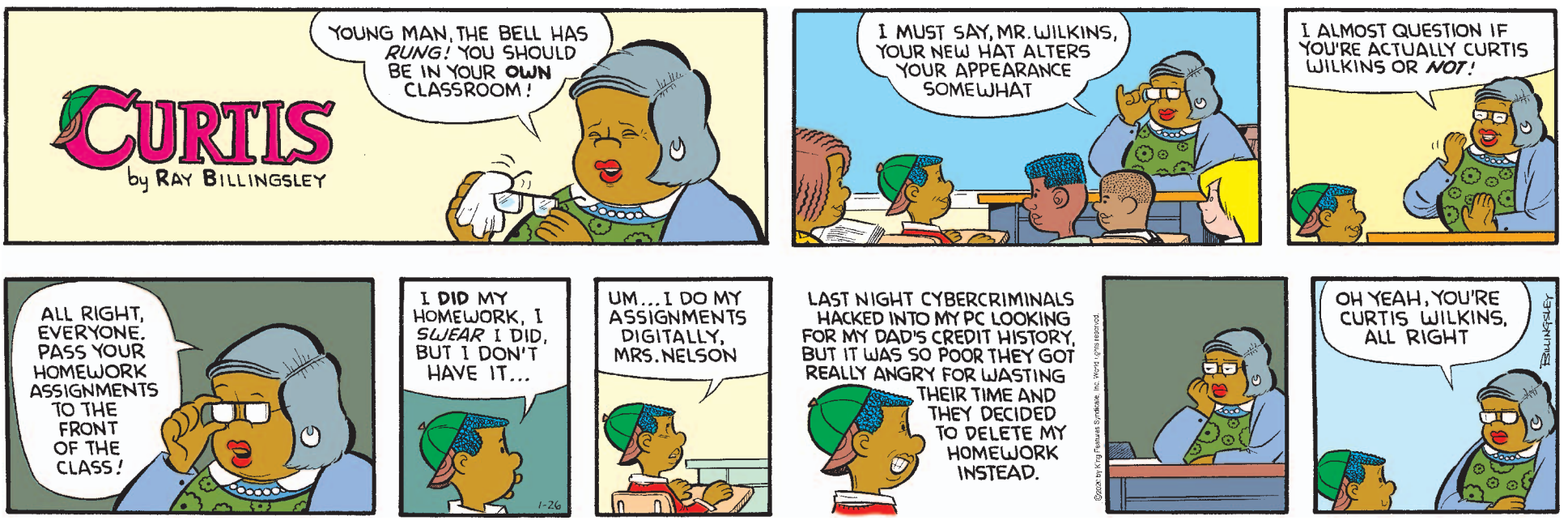
YOUNG MAN, THE BELL HAS RUNG! YOU SHOULD BE IN YOUR OWN CLASSROOM!
I MUST SAY, MR. WILKINS, YOUR NEW HAT ALTERS YOUR APPEARANCE SOMEWHAT
I ALMOST QUESTION IF YOU'RE ACTUALLY CURTIS WILKINS OR NOT!
ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE. PASS YOUR HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS TO THE FRONT OF THE CLASS!
I DID MY HOMEWORK, I SWEAR I DID, BUT I DON'T HAVE IT...
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UM... I DO MY ASSIGNMENTS DIGITALLY, MRS. NELSON
LAST NIGHT CYBERCRIMINALS HACKED INTO MY PC LOOKING FOR MY DAD'S CREDIT HISTORY, BUT IT WAS SO POOR THEY GOT REALLY ANGRY FOR WASTING THEIR TIME AND THEY DECIDED TO DELETE MY HOMEWORK INSTEAD.
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OH YEAH, YOU'RE CURTIS WILKINS, ALL RIGHT
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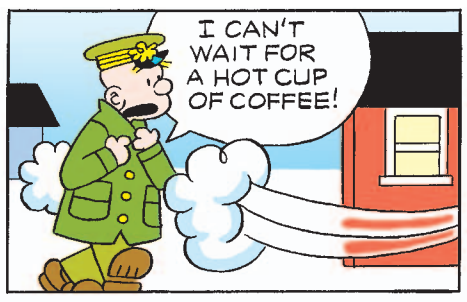

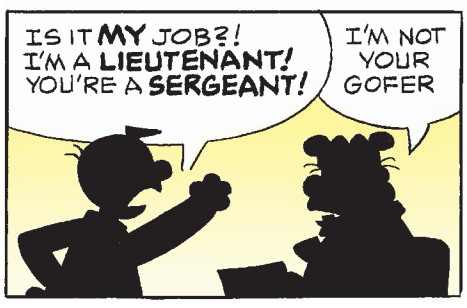

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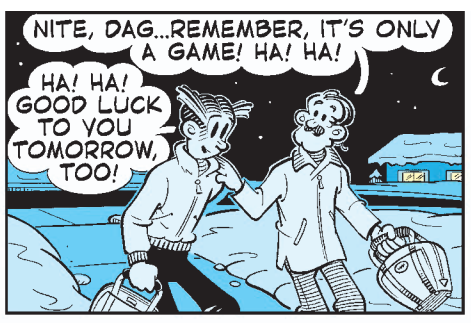

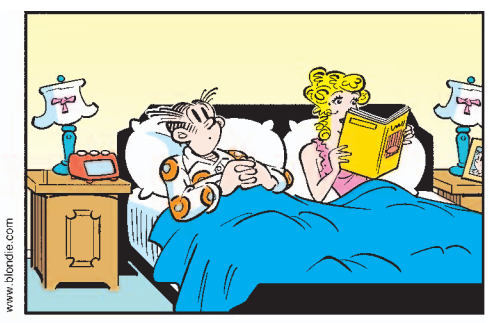

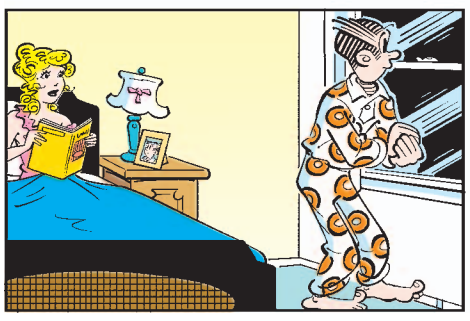

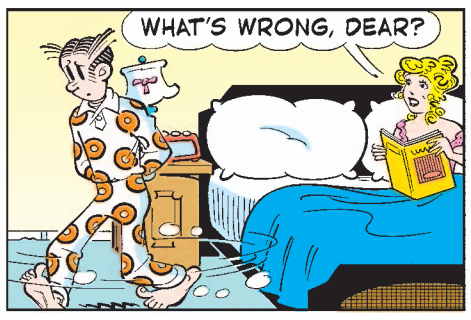

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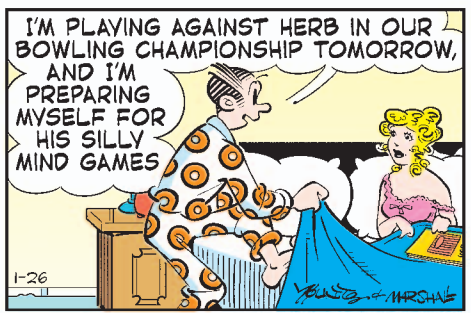

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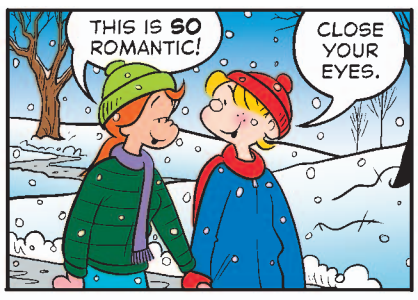

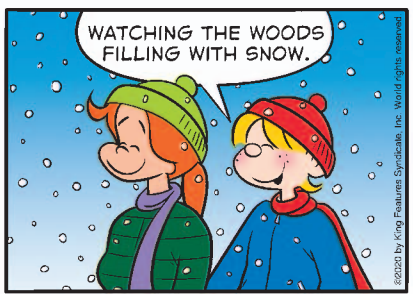

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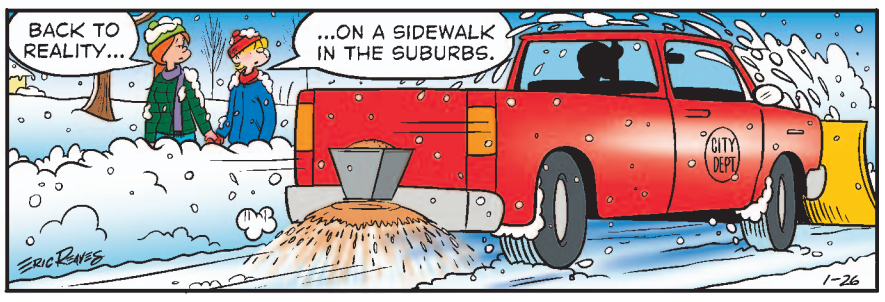

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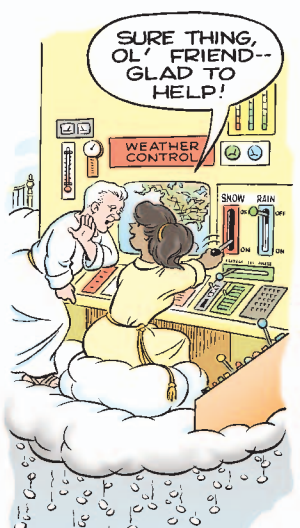

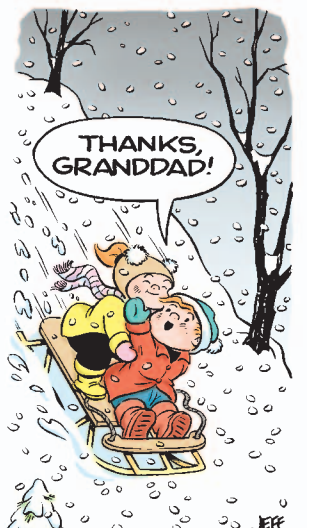

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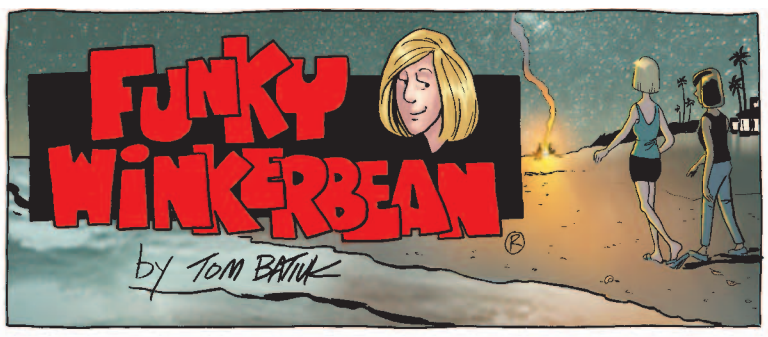

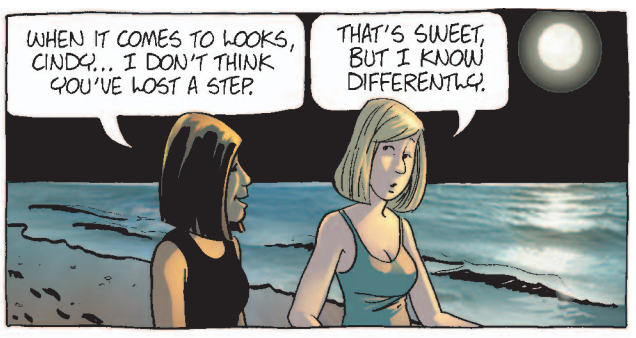

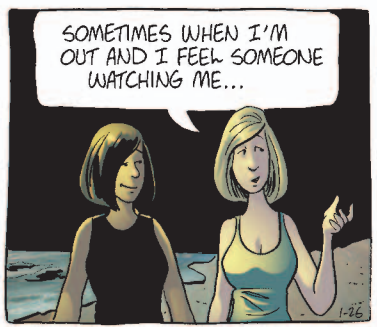

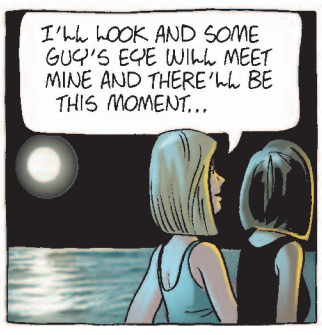

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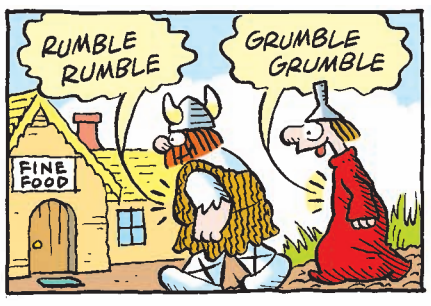

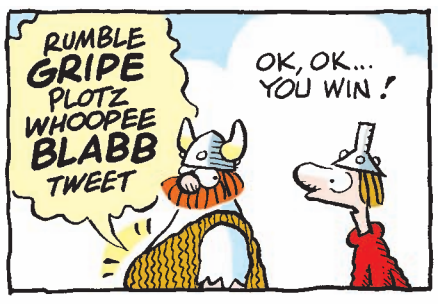

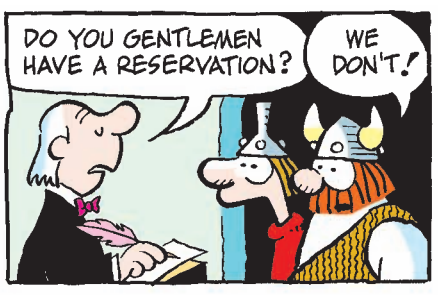

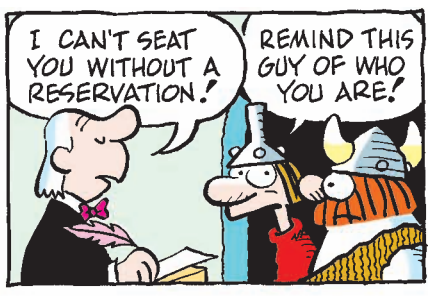

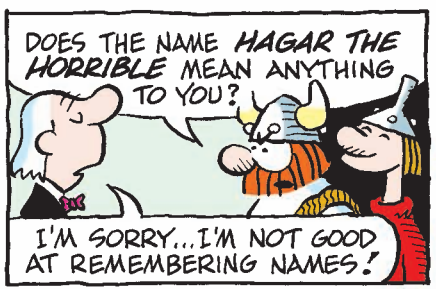

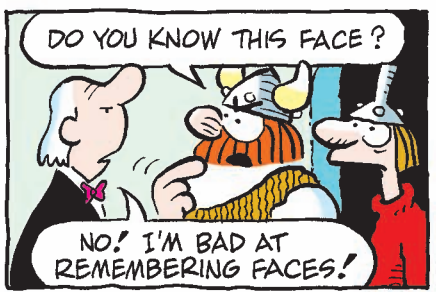

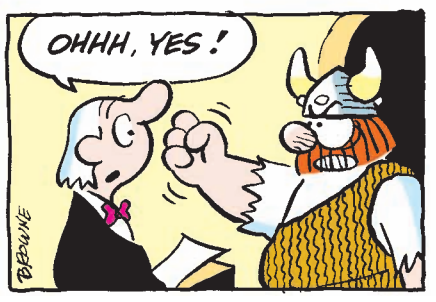

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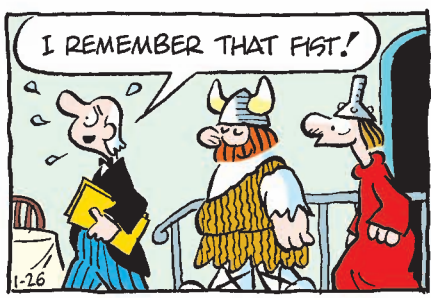

THE LOCKHORNS

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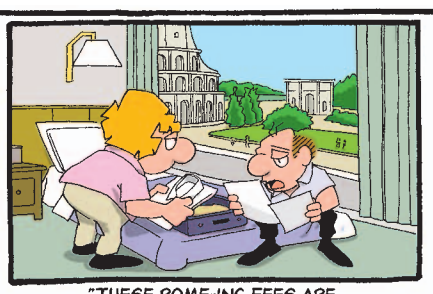
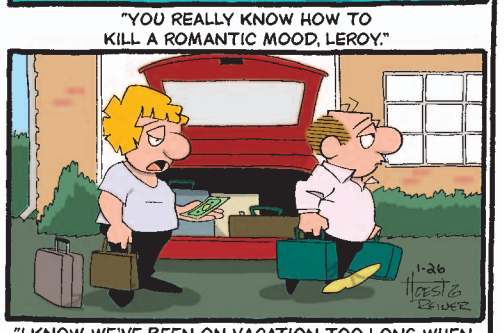
"HELEN? LEROY KEEPS ASKING ME IF WE TURNED OFF OUR FAUCETS BEFORE WE LEFT... DO YOU MIND CHECKING?"



"THESE ROME-ING FEES ARE KILLING US."

"YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO KILL A ROMANTIC MOOD, LEROY."

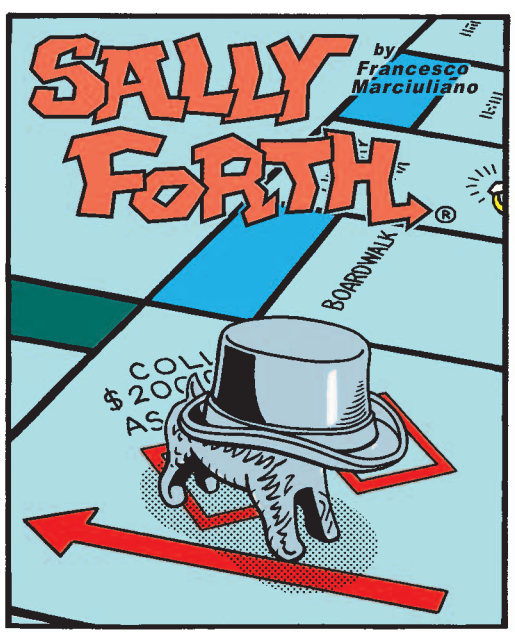
"ON SECOND THOUGHT, WE DON'T WANT A WAKE-UP CALL."

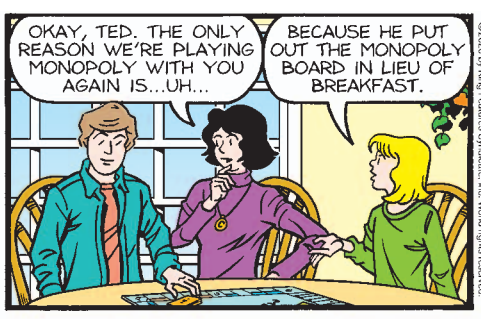


"I KNOW WE'VE BEEN ON VACATION TOO LONG WHEN YOU START TIPPING ME."

SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano




OKAY, TED. THE ONLY REASON WE'RE PLAYING MONOPOLY WITH YOU AGAIN IS...UH...
BECAUSE HE PUT OUT THE MONOPOLY BOARD IN LIEU OF BREAKFAST.

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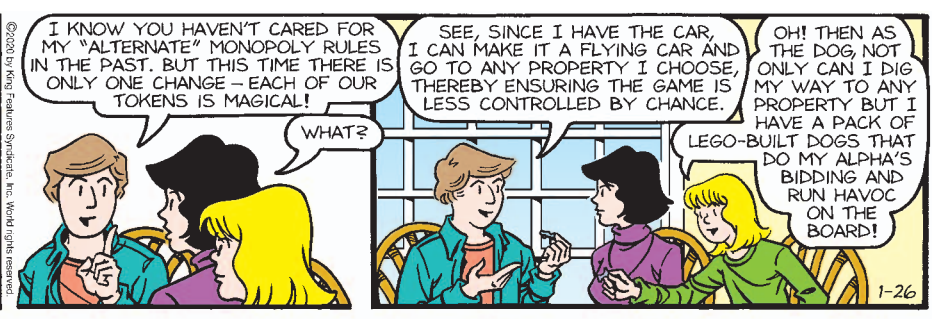
I KNOW YOU HAVEN'T CARED FOR MY "ALTERNATE" MONOPOLY RULES IN THE PAST. BUT THIS TIME THERE IS ONLY ONE CHANGE – EACH OF OUR TOKENS IS MAGICAL!
WHAT?
SEE, SINCE I HAVE THE CAR, I CAN MAKE IT A FLYING CAR AND GO TO ANY PROPERTY I CHOOSE, THEREBY ENSURING THE GAME IS LESS CONTROLLED BY CHANCE.
OH! THEN AS THE DOG, NOT ONLY CAN I DIG MY WAY TO ANY PROPERTY BUT I HAVE A PACK OF LEGO-BUILT DOGS THAT DO MY ALPHA'S BIDDING AND RUN HAVOC ON THE BOARD!
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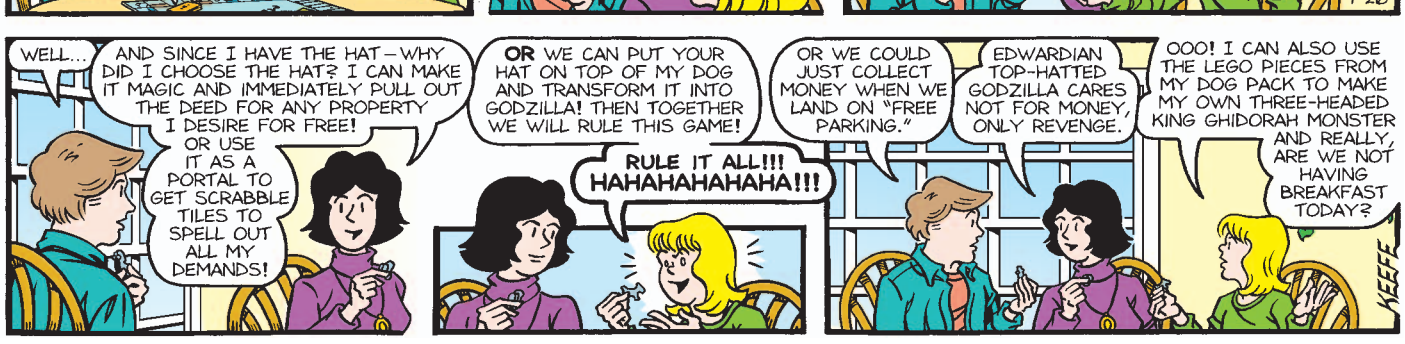
WELL...
AND SINCE I HAVE THE HAT – WHY DID I CHOOSE THE HAT? I CAN MAKE IT MAGIC AND IMMEDIATELY PULL OUT THE DEED FOR ANY PROPERTY I DESIRE FOR FREE!
OR USE IT AS A PORTAL TO GET SCRABBLE TILES TO SPELL OUT ALL MY DEMANDS!
OR WE CAN PUT YOUR HAT ON TOP OF MY DOG AND TRANSFORM IT INTO GODZILLA! THEN TOGETHER WE WILL RULE THIS GAME!
RULE IT ALL!!! HAHAHAHAHAHA!!!
OR WE COULD JUST COLLECT MONEY WHEN WE LAND ON "FREE PARKING."
EDWARDIAN TOP-HATTED GODZILLA CARES NOT FOR MONEY, ONLY REVENGE.
OOO! I CAN ALSO USE THE LEGO PIECES FROM MY DOG PACK TO MAKE MY OWN THREE-HEADED KING GHIDORAH MONSTER AND REALLY, ARE WE NOT HAVING BREAKFAST TODAY?
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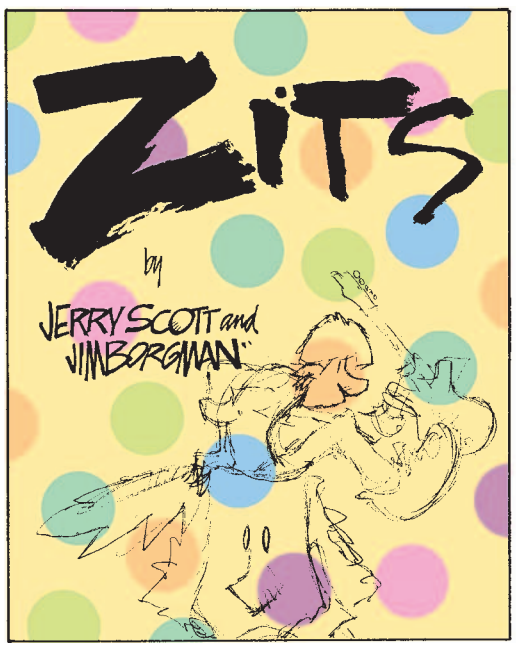

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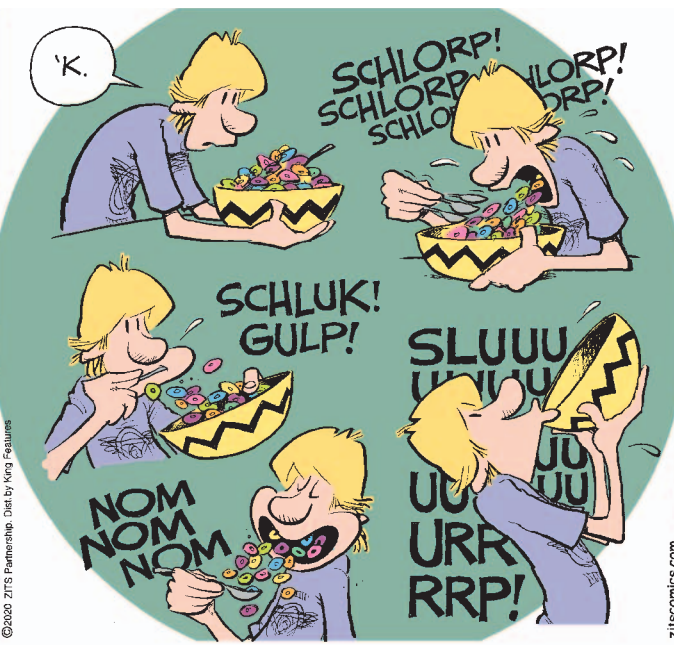

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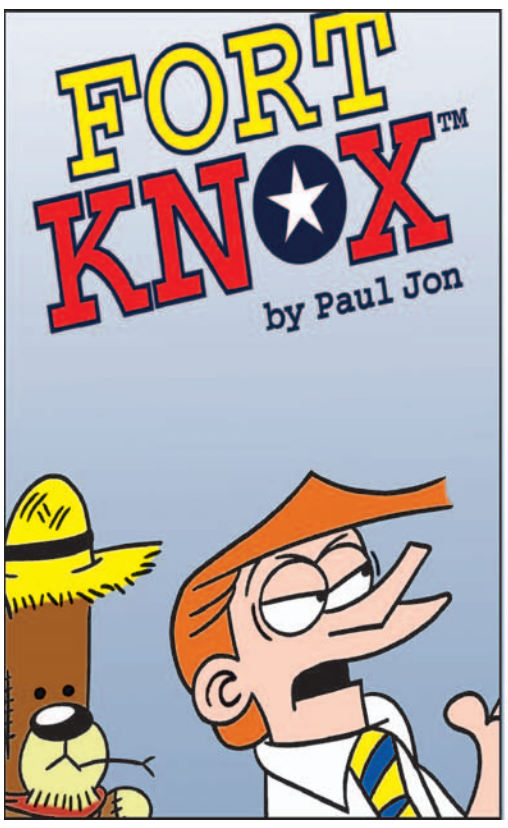

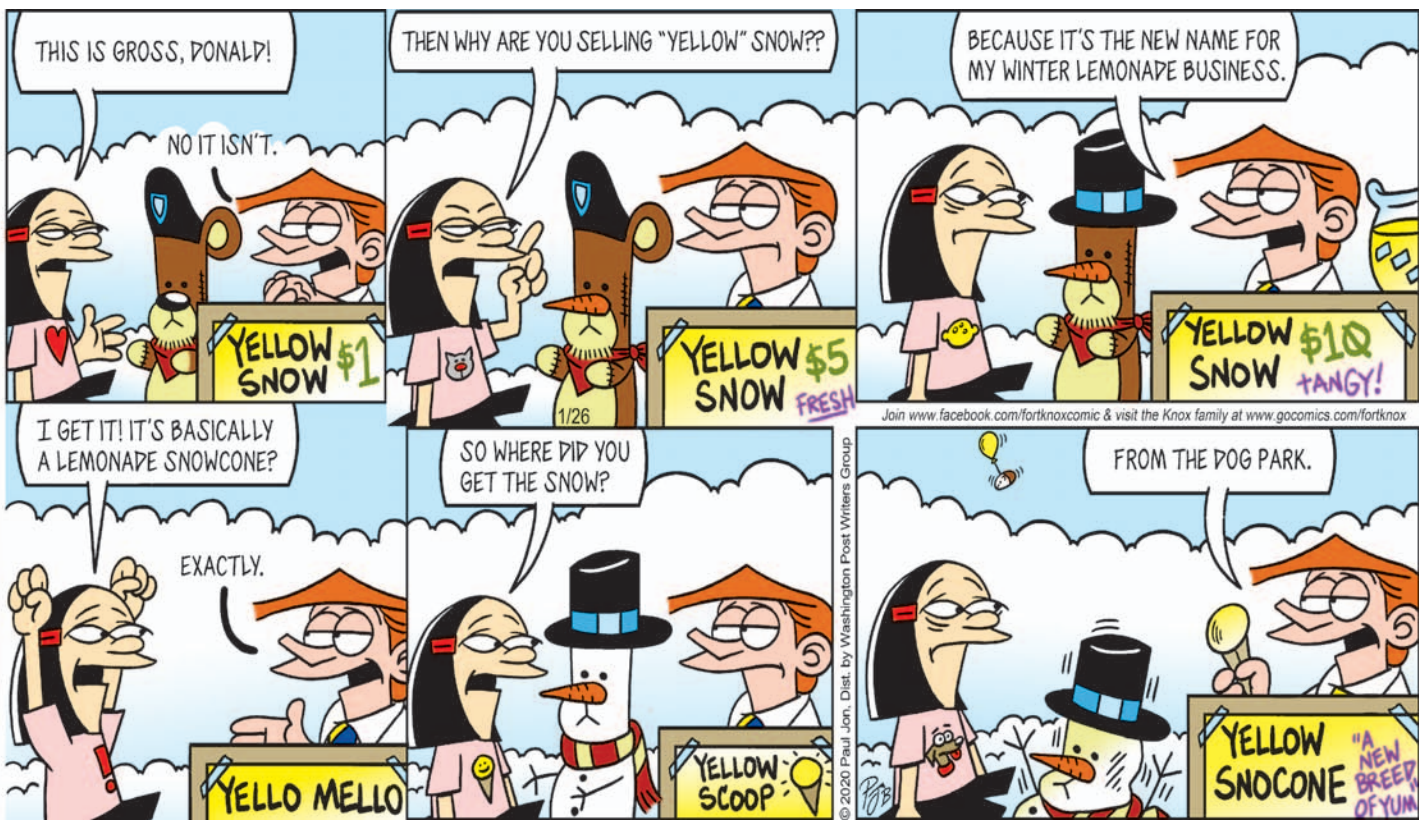
THIS IS GROSS, DONALD!
NO IT ISN'T.
YELLOW SNOW $1
THEN WHY ARE YOU SELLING "YELLOW" SNOW??
YELLOW SNOW $5 FRESH
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BECAUSE IT'S THE NEW NAME FOR MY WINTER LEMONADE BUSINESS.
YELLOW SNOW $10 TANGY!
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I GET IT! IT'S BASICALLY A LEMONADE SNOWCONE?
EXACTLY.
YELLO MELLO
SO WHERE DID YOU GET THE SNOW?
YELLOW SCOOP
FROM THE DOG PARK.
YELLOW SNOCONE "A NEW BREED OF YUM

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WIZARD OF ID

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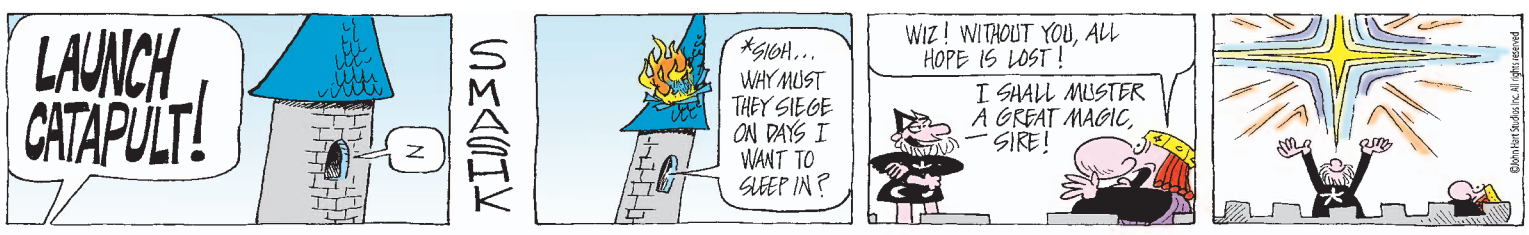
LAUNCH CATAPULT!
SMASH
*SIGH... WHY MUST THEY SIEGE ON DAYS I WANT TO SLEEP IN?
WIZ! WITHOUT YOU, ALL HOPE IS LOST!
I SHALL MUSTER A GREAT MAGIC, — SIRE!

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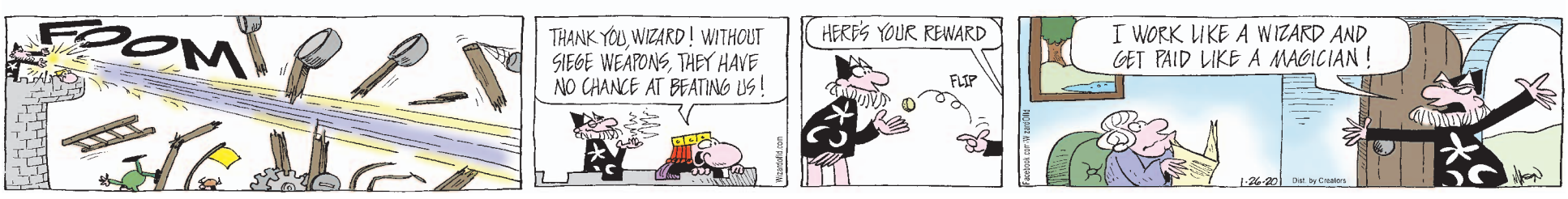
FOOM
THANK YOU, WIZARD! WITHOUT SIEGE WEAPONS, THEY HAVE NO CHANCE AT BEATING US!
HERE'S YOUR REWARD
FLIP
I WORK LIKE A WIZARD AND GET PAID LIKE A MAGICIAN!
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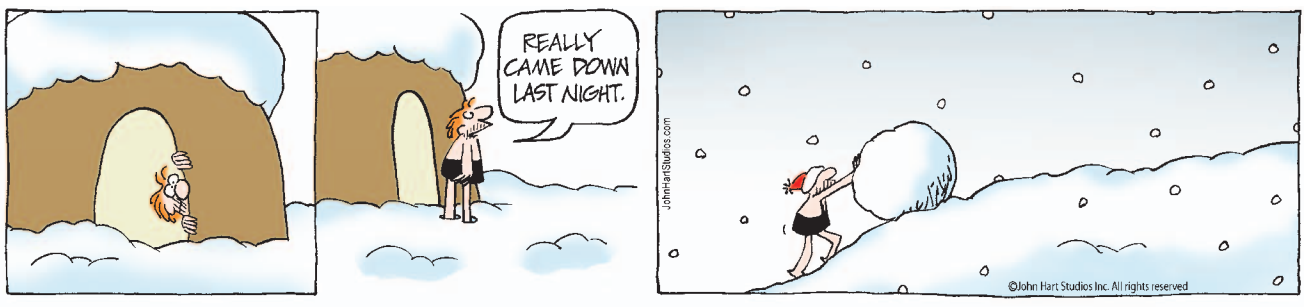

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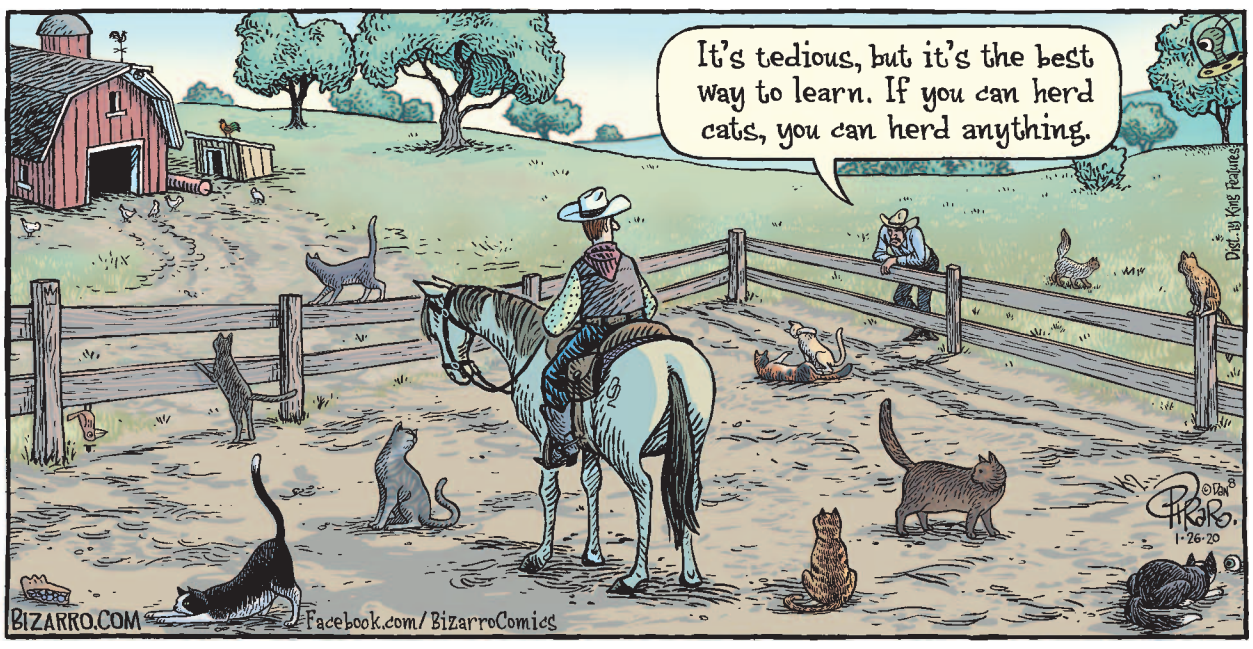
It's tedious, but it's the best way to learn. If you can herd cats, you can herd anything.
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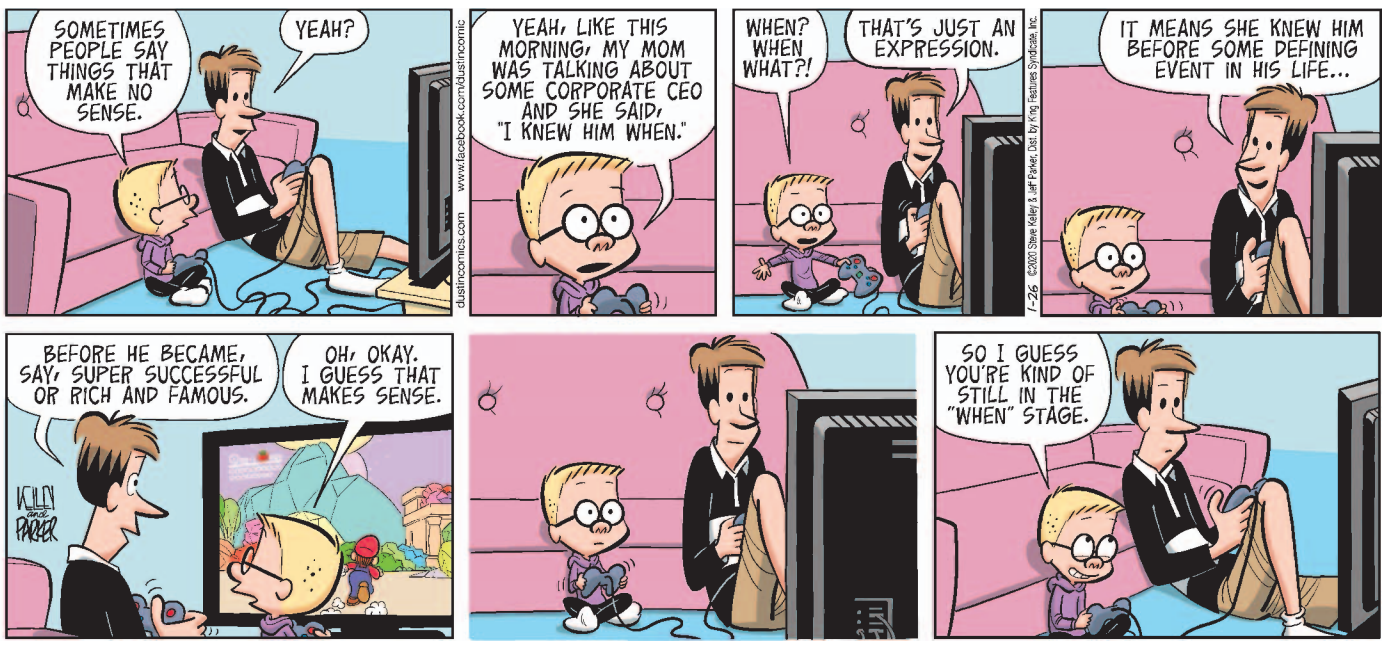
SOMETIMES PEOPLE SAY THINGS THAT MAKE NO SENSE.
YEAH?
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YEAH, LIKE THIS MORNING, MY MOM WAS TALKING ABOUT SOME CORPORATE CEO AND SHE SAID, "I KNEW HIM WHEN."
WHEN? WHEN WHAT?!
THAT'S JUST AN EXPRESSION.
IT MEANS SHE KNEW HIM BEFORE SOME DEFINING EVENT IN HIS LIFE...
BEFORE HE BECAME, SAY, SUPER SUCCESSFUL OR RICH AND FAMOUS.
OH, OKAY. I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE.
KELLY and PARKER
SO I GUESS YOU'RE KIND OF STILL IN THE "WHEN" STAGE.
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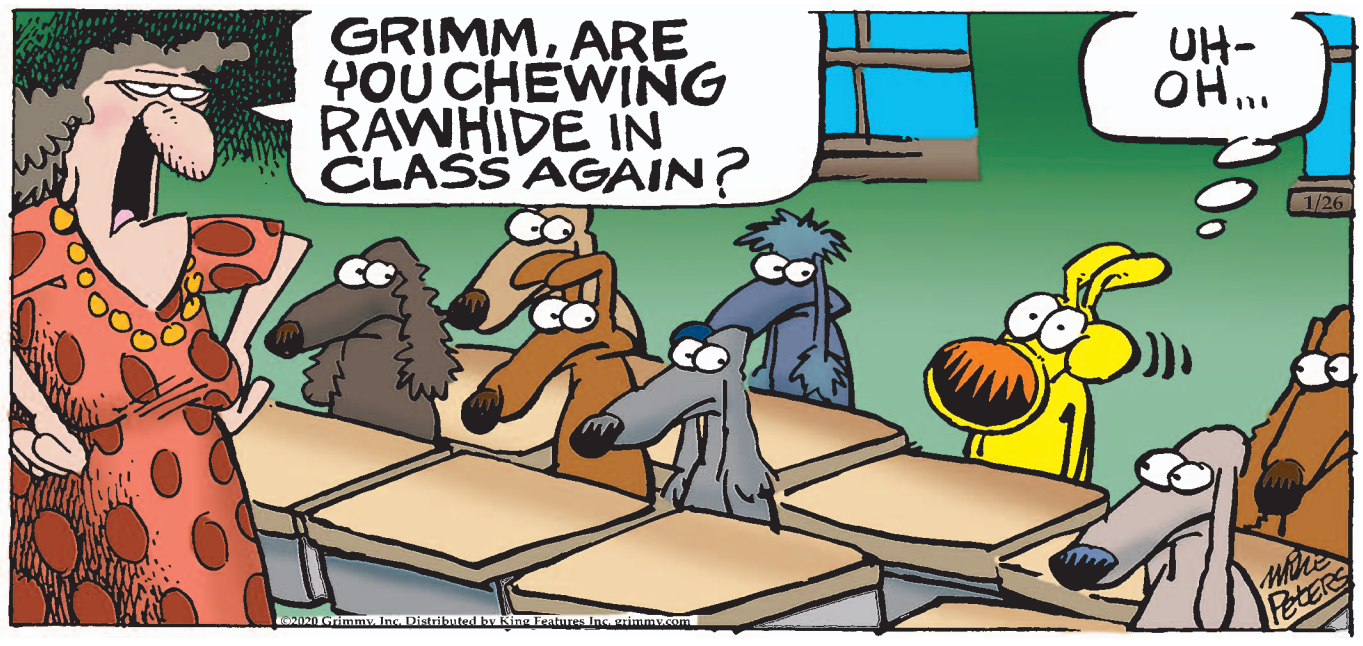
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



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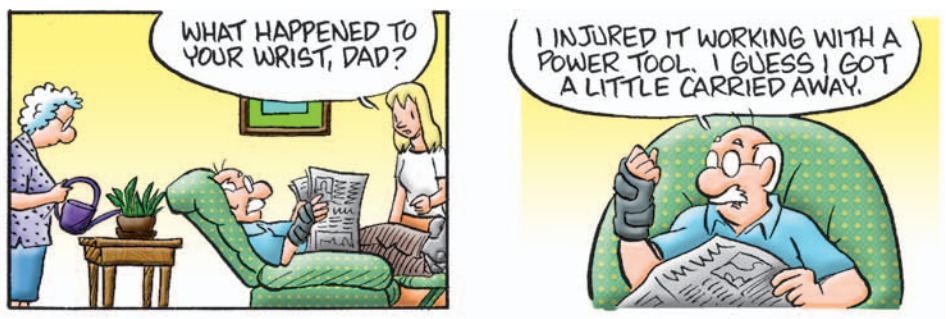
by BRIAN CRANE


WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR WRIST, DAD?
I INJURED IT WORKING WITH A POWER TOOL. I GUESS I GOT A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY.
OH, NO! YOU SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL WITH THAT KIND OF EQUIPMENT.
YEAH, I KNOW.
HERE, LET ME KISS IT AND MAKE IT BETTER.
SMACK!
WHAT ARE YOU GRINNING ABOUT?!
OH, NOTHING.
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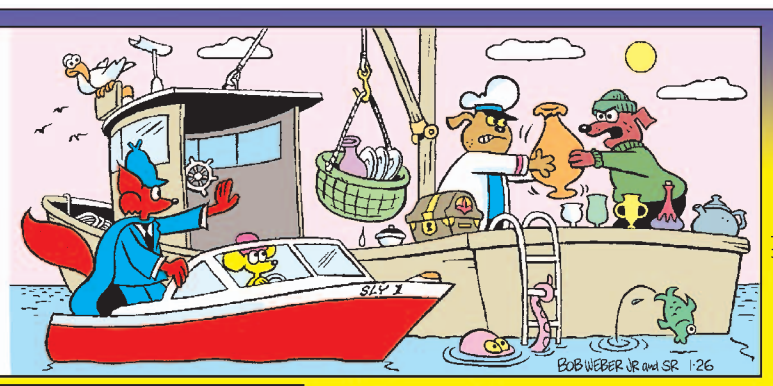
A TV REMOTE IS A POWER TOOL!
BRIAN CRANE

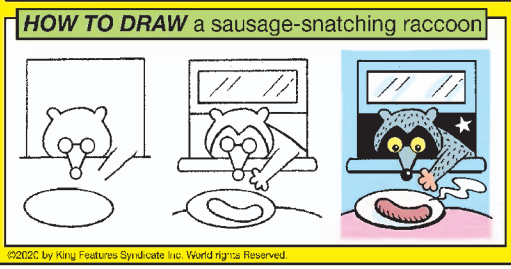
Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

Two treasure hunters are trying to divide items they retrieved from an undersea shipwreck. How does Slylock Fox suggest the quarreling shipmates arrange their split so each feels equally satisfied?

Solution -- Slylock suggests one partner divide the items into two piles, and the other partner be given first choice of which pile he wants.



HOW TO DRAW a sausage-snatching raccoon



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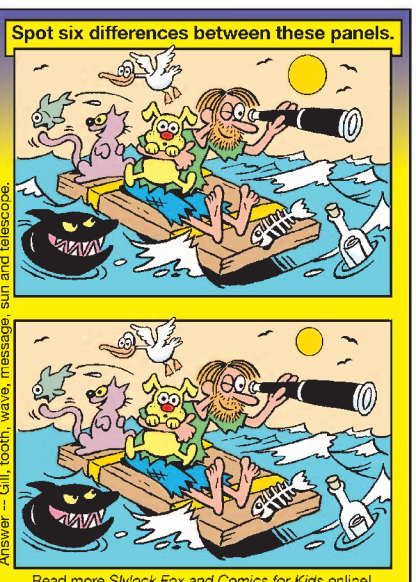
An octopus has ...
a) Three hearts
b) Ten arms
c) Blue blood
d) Scales
e) Lungs
f) No bones

Answer -- a) c) f)

Spot six differences between these panels.



Answer -- Gill, tooth, wave, message, sun and telescope.

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